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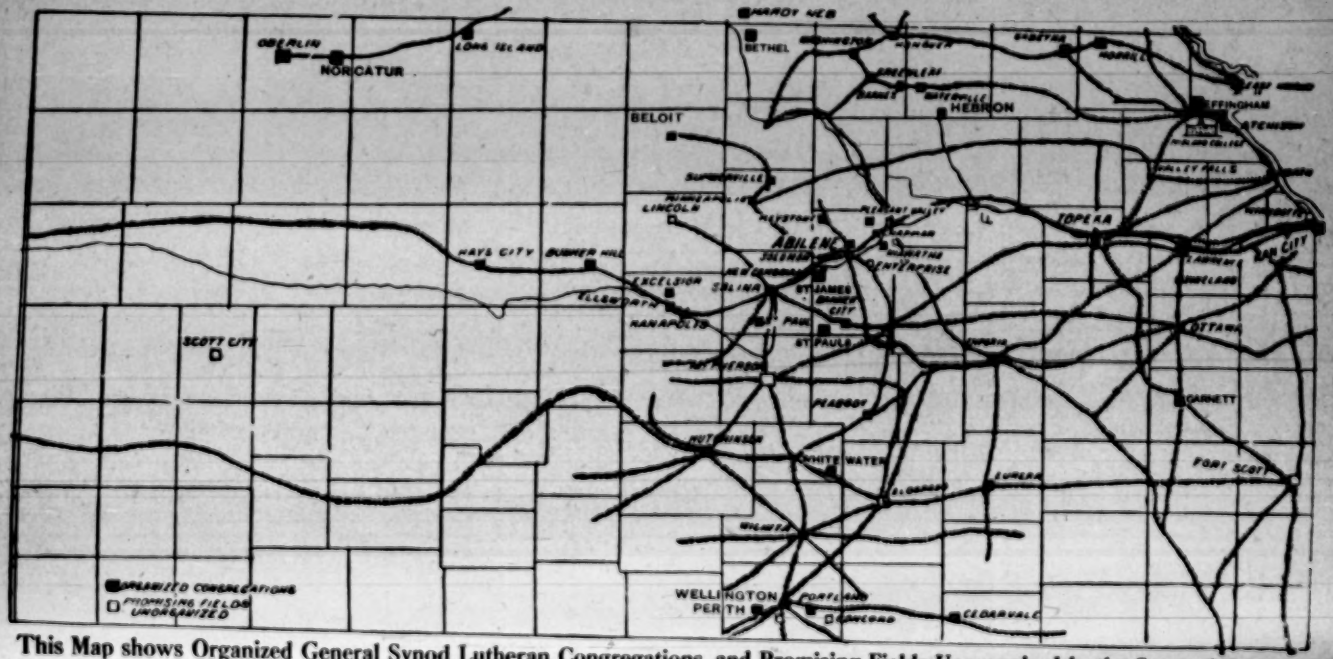

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Our Laymen's Movement,

MR. JESSE SCHWARTZ, and MR. ALVA MYSER.

Devotional Leader, REV. F. BERGSTRESSER.

THE FORTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

Time—Friday evening, October 15th, 1909.
Place—First Church, Kansas City, Mo.

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PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF KANSAS SYNOD.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1.	November 5-7, 1868	Topeka, Kansas.
2.	April 25, 1869	Atchison, Kansas.
	October 6-10, 1869	Kansas City, Mo.
3.	October 5-10, 1870	Lawrence, Kansas.
4.	September 27 to October 1, 1871	Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
5.	September 11-14, 1872	Monrovia, Kansas.
6.	October 1-6, 1873	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	October 21-25, 1874	Abilene, Kansas.
8.	September 22-27, 1875	Lawrence, Kansas.
9.	August 1-6, 1876	Kansas City, Mo.
10.	August 22-25, 1877	Salina, Kansas.
11.	August 7-10, 1878	Peabody, Kansas.
12.	September 24-28, 1879	Abilene, Kansas.
13.	October 13-18, 1880	Lawrence, Kansas.
14.	October 5-9, 1881	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
15.	October 25-30, 1882	Salina, Kansas.
16.	October 24-29, 1883	Eureka, Kansas.
17.	November 25 to December 1, 1884	Topeka, Kansas.
18.	October 20-26, 1885	Peabody, Kansas.
19.	October 12-18, 1886	Waterville, Kansas.
20.	October 25-31, 1887	Abilene, Kansas.
21.	October 23-28, 1888	Lawrence, Kansas.
22.	October 1-6, 1889	Atchison, Kansas.
23.	October 21-27, 1890	Salina, Kansas.
24.	October 20-25, 1891	Emporia, Kansas.
25.	October 18-23, 1892	Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial.
26.	October 17-22, 1893	Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran Church.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
27.	October 16-21, 1894	Topeka, Kansas.
28.	October 15-20, 1895	Abilene, Kansas.
29.	October 20-25, 1896	Lawrence, Kansas.
30.	October 20-24, 1897	Peabody, Kansas.
31.	October 19-23, 1898	Hutchinson, Kansas.
32.	October 18-22, 1899	Atchison, Kansas.
33.	October 3-7, 1900	Waterville, Kansas.
34.	October 16-20, 1901	Wellington, Kansas.
35.	October 15-19, 1902	Salina, Kansas.
36.	October 21-25, 1903	St. Joseph, Mo.
37.	October 19-23, 1904	Eureka, Kansas.
38.	October 17-21, 1905	Emporia, Kansas.
39.	October 16-17, 1906	Topeka, Kansas.
40.	October 15-18, 1907	Ottawa, Kansas.
41.	October 16-20, 1908	Peabody, Kansas.

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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas met in Forty-first Annnal Convention, in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Peabody, Kan., Rev. G. S. Murphy, pastor, Friday evening, October 16th, 1908, at 8 o'clock.

The sermon was preached by the President, Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., of Salina, Kan. An address on the Fortieth Anniversary of Kansas Synod, based upon the text "Look unto the Rock whence ye are hewn."—Isaiah li. 1.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1908, 9.00 A. M.

Synod was opened with the use of the Morning Service and prayer, led by the President.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

Number.	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
1	S. Henry, *a. e.*	1850	Independence.	
2	A. B. Kirtland	1857	Salina.	
3	N. W. Lilly, *a.*	1858	Kansas City, Mo.	
4	D. Scholl, *a. e.*	1859	Seattle, Wash.	
5	W. A. Lipe, *a. e.*	1860	Omaha, Neb.	
6	R. B. Whitehill	1862	Wellington.	
7	M. J. Firey, D. D., *a. e.*	1863	Kansas City, Mo.	
8	M. L. Exline	1863	Stafford.	
9	H. H. Hall, D. D., *a.*	1869	Chapman.	
10	J. Howard Stough, Ph. D., *a. e.*	1872	Atchison.	
11	J. F. Cressler, *a. e.*	1872	North Platte, Neb.	
12	John A. Bright	1873	Campus	F. B. Roots.
13	A. J. Kissell	1874	Whitewater.	
14	S. Palmer, *a. e.*	1875	Lawrence	Isaac Hemphill.
15	C. W. Sifferd, D. D.	1875	Ottawa	August Schnoke.
16	J. M. Cromer, D. D.	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	William Calvert.
17	B. F. Pugh	1877	Ottawa	L. S. Sigler, *a.*
18	J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., *a. e.*	1877	Adrian, Mo.	
19	J. N. Zimmer, *a.*	1878	Abilene	J. E. Keel.
20	H. A. Ott, D. D.	1881	Salina	Theo. Bender.
21	F. D. Altman, D. D.	1882	Atchison.	
22	A. B. Shrader, *a. e.*	1882	Kansas City, Mo.	W. E. Kost.
23	J. C. Schindel	1884	Kansas City, Mo.	John A. Wible.
24	H. L. Yarger, D. D.	1885	Atchison.	
25	J. Kuhn	1886	Bunker Hill.	
26	H. A. Koogle, *a. e.*	1888	Chapman.	
27	Edwin Bollman	1889	Effingham.	
28	I. B. Heisey	1892	Waterville	J. B. Livers.
29	R. B. Wolf	1893	Kansas City, Kan.	P. D. Schall, *a.*
30	Fuller Bergstresser	1893	Abilene.	
31	H. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1893	Nebraska City, Neb.	
32	P. G. Tonsing, *a.*	1893	Atchison.	
33	S. M. Lesher	1894	Sedalia, Mo	George Brill, *a. e.*
34	George Beiswanger	1894	Oklahoma City, Okla.	G. H. Sohlberg, *a.*
35	George S. Murphy	1896	Peabody	E. R. Worthington.
36	A. M. Reitzel	1896	Wellington	John B. Tritt.
37	A. E. Renn	1896	Atchison	A. B. Zimmerman.
38	J. H. Fetterolf	1896	Perth	G. N. Erhard.
39	E. E. Stauffer	1897	Lawrence.	
40	J. B. Grove	1898	Norcatur	G. C. Jorn, *a.*
41	B. R. Lantz	1898	St. Joseph, Mo.	Otto Croy.
42	Charles F. Wiest, *a. e.*	1898	Hays City.	
43	J. T. Miller, *a. e.*	1899	Santa Fé, Kan.	
44	Oliver MacWilliams	1903	Eureka	H. F. Rizer.
45	John H. Utesch	1904	Beloit	J. W. Hodler, *a.*
46	G. G. Clark	1890	Emporia	Louis T. Bang.
47	W. W. Horn	1900	Topeka	James Keller.
..	Vacant	....	Hutchinson.	M. H. Wagner, *a*
..	Vacant	....	Moray	John Holzley.
..	Vacant	....	New Cambria	J. M. Brubaker.
..	Vacant	....	Valley Falls	J. M. Dornblaser.
..	Vacant	....	Whitewater	Dr. H. H. Norris, *a.*
..	Vacant	....	Delphos	H. Stelter, *a.*

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent.

The President's report was read, and on motion, accepted and referred to Committee on President's Report.

President's Report.

The Synodical year closing with the opening of this convention completes forty eventful years of Synodical history, during which time we have grown from a little handful of churches, the membership of which combined would not equal that of one of our larger churches, to our present prosperous proportions. When we began, forty years ago, the entire railroad mileage would not much more than make a line from our eastern to our western state border, and our charter members had to go to Synod largely overland. That was a very humble beginning when our ministerial roll embraced only seven ministers, five of whom were pastors; but they laid the foundation upon which we are still building, and the reports which will be submitted at this convention will contrast strangely with those meager ones of 1868. These contrasts should awaken within all of us a feeling of profound gratitude to God who has hitherto been our Ebenezer.

Herewith I submit my official acts during the interim of conventions, together with a digest of your reports on the State of the Church.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. J. M. Barnes, Bunker Hill, April 1st, 1908.
Rev. R. Richter, Trinity Church, Greenleaf, April 1st, 1908.
Rev. E. Bollman, Effingham, July 1st, 1908.
Rev. F. S. Delo, Hutchinson, August 1st, 1908.
Rev. W. A. Lipe, New Cambria, September 20th, 1908.

DISMISSALS.

Rev. M. F. Rinker, California Synod, April 18th, 1908.
Rev. F. S. Delo, Northern Illinois Synod, September 3d, 1908.
Rev. R. Richter, German Synod of Nebraska, August 27th, 1908.
Rev. J. M. Barnes, Central Illinois Synod, September 9th, 1908.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, from Wittenberg Synod to Perth, November 1st, 1907.
Rev. A. J. Kissell, from Miami Synod to Whitewater, December 1st, 1907.
Rev. W. A. Lipe, from Iowa Synod to New Cambria, March 1st, 1908.
Rev. J. Kuhn, of St. Elmo, Ill., has been called to the Bunker Hill charge and has accepted, though not yet on the ground.
Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., presented his letter from California Synod January 14th, 1908.

VACANT CHARGES.

Effingham has been vacant since July, but has been supplied by its late pastor. To our mind, it was a mistake to separate Effingham and Valley Falls. I hope they can be reunited again as a pastoral charge.
Hutchinson has been vacant since the first of August.
New Cambria has been vacant since the middle of September.

Trinity Church, at Greenleaf, and the Messiah Church, at Barnes, with some help from the Mission Board, could again be gotten on a working basis I have been unable to hear from them.

St. James', near Abilene, and St. Paul's Church, nine miles south of New Cambria, both have buildings, but the congregation at each point has practically moved away.

Grace Church, at Haskell, which has no property, has ceased to exist.

In April, 1908, the Manchester Church, which has been deeded to the Board of Church Extension, was sold by Dr. H. L. Yarger to the Methodists for the sum of $800.00.

INSTALLATION.

Rev. James H. Fetterolf was installed at Perth on the day he took charge, and for this service I appointed Rev. George S. Murphy to give the charge to the people and Rev. A. M. Reitzel to give the charge to the pastor.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

The Orion English Lutheran Church was organized by Rev. John A. Bright on May 10th, 1908, with 30 members. He was assisted by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D. They worship in a hall for which the Salina Church furnished the seating. This church applies for admission into the Synod.

CHURCH BURNED.

On the 25th of July, lightning struck the steeple of Excelsior Church of the Bunker Hill charge. The church, being in the country, had no fire protection, and the members had to stand by and see it burn to the ground. By heroic efforts they saved all of the seats, the organ and chancel furniture, and the doors and windows. Collecting $1,100.00 insurance, they went to work at once to build, adopting plans for a larger and better church.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

On the 26th of April, I assisted in laying the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church at Peabody.

On the 25th of August, I laid the corner-stone of the Excelsior Church, of the Bunker Hill charge, and was assisted by Rev. C. F. Wiest.

On Sunday, October 11th, the corner-stone of the new St. Mark's Church, of Atchison, was laid, Rev. L. S. Keyser, D. D., assisting the pastor.

PARSONAGE BUILT.

The Campus Church completed a neat, five-room parsonage shortly after the last convention of Synod, costing $1,400.00.

DEDICATIONS AND NEW BUILDINGS.

On the 15th of December, 1907, an elegant $10,000.00 addition to Trinity Church, of Abilene, was dedicated. The pastor was assisted by Drs. H. L.

Yarger, L. P. Ludden and myself. Dr. Yarger preached the dedication sermon and Dr. Ludden the post-dedication sermon.

On the 27th of September, the beautiful St. Paul's Church, in which we meet, was dedicated in a very impressive service, conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., Rev. G. G. Clark and myself. Dr. Bauslin preached the dedication sermon and your President the post-dedication sermon. During these services, clerical vestments were worn for the first time in St. Paul's Church. The structure is complete in every way, and cost, all told, $20,000.00.

On the 6th of September, Grace Church, of Kansas City, dedicated a neat wooden chapel, costing $1,100.00, and located at Twenty-seventh and Wabash Avenue. The pastor was assisted by Drs. H. L. Yarger and F. D. Altman. Owing to undesirable location, this congregation decided to abandon its church, at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Euclid Avenue, and move farther out into a section not over-churched, and where there seems to be larger opportunities.

During the summer, the Children's Memorial, of Kansas City, owing to undesirable location, sold its church, on Admiral Boulevard, and purchased, for $2,000.00 cash, a lot 50 by 138 feet at the southeast corner of Independence and Brighton Avenues, on which they are at present erecting a neat frame church, costing $5,000.00, which they hope to have completed before winter, and to dedicate free from debt.

The new Excelsior Church is almost ready for dedication. The building is 30 by 50 feet, and will be equipped with furnace and gas lighting. The cost will be $3,000.00, all of which is already provided.

THE NEW WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

All of us rejoice in the purchase of the Ingalls property, in Atchison, for our Western Theological Seminary, for $10,000.00 cash. The building is not only commodious in size, but convenient and well adapted to the needs of the Seminary. Dr. Altman, the President, has very wisely and successfully managed the purchase. The formal opening took place on the 23d of September.

PARSONAGE AT WASHINGTON.

Hearing, through Rev. R. Richter, that there was a parsonage property at Washington, Washington County, Kan., which, ever since preaching has ceased there, had been rented and still is, I investigated the matter. The church, once there, was a "school-house" church, and has disintegrated, with but one or two members remaining. The parsonage property is worth $600.00 or $700.00. At present, $281.60 taxes are charged against it, which the Commissioners agree to discount in the sum of $140.00, provided the property tax be redeemed soon. As Rev. I. B. Heisey lived near that city, I asked him to visit the place and investigate conditions. The remaining members are willing to deed the property to Kansas Synod. Mr. M. Reitzel,

a real estate dealer there, and brother of Rev. A. M. Reitzel, is willing to assist in adjusting matters. I would recommend that arrangements be made to dispose of the property by the Trustees.

AD INTERIM LICENSURE.

In August, Mr. Arland Briggs wrote me, asking Kansas Synod if it would license him to preach in time for him to go to Africa with Rev. Will M. Beck on the 24th of September. I wrote him, asking him why he did not apply to Nebraska Synod, within whose territory he resided. He replied that Nebraska Synod could not license him, because its constitution permitted only ordination. I took the matter up with our Examining Committee, according to Article VIII., Sec. 11 (a) of our constitution, stating the case, and all of the committee responded, recommending that, under the circumstances, I grant the request. Later, I learned that Nebraska Synod would meet on the 9th of September, and I withheld signing the license and urged Mr. Briggs to go to Nebraska Synod and state his case there. Later Mr. Briggs decided to wait a year before he went to Africa. I hope this statement of the case will relieve me from any adverse criticism from Nebraska Synod, to which Synod some statements were made in relation to myself which were very much in error.

MEMORIAL TO MIDLAND COLLEGE.

According to the instructions of Synod, I again presented your memorial to the Trustees of Midland College, petitioning for twice as many representatives as we formerly had. I took it up with them, this time, in writing, sending each member of the Board our formal petition, with the reasons why we desired to have it granted. One-half of what we have asked for was granted, which gives us one additional representative on the Board.

TABITHA HOSPITAL.

Inasmuch as the pastors seemed to have forgotten the Synod's pledge to furnish a room in Tabitha Hospital, I appointed Rev. B. R. Lantz to raise the $75.00 promised. He will report at this convention.

BOND OF THE TREASURER.

As required by the Constitution, the bond of the Treasurer was executed in the sum of $1,000.00, which will expire with this convention.

DEATHS.

I regret to chronicle the death of Rev. J. B. McAfee, D. D., one of the pioneers of Lutheranism in Kansas, and a charter member of this Synod, which took place at Topeka, on the 19th of May; and also that of Mr. J. H. Berlin, who for three years was our Treasurer, for many years a Trustee, and at the time of his decease a member of one of our standing committees, a man, also, who, possibly more than any other, has been a delegate to the past conventions of Kansas Synod.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

On the 17th of November, 1907, and again, on the 9th of October, 1908, I visited St. Paul's and St. John's churches, of the Minneapolis charge. I spent a Sunday with the latter church, nine miles in the country, administering the Holy Communion, and arranging for them to get Rev. J. H. Utesch for a supply. St. Paul's Church, in Minneapolis, is disinclined to make any attempt to hold further service, in fact, no arrangements were made for my preaching to them when I arrived. They say it is no use to try longer to maintain a service. They have dwindled down to a few families, owing to deaths and removals. The members I interviewed declared themselves willing to deed both the church and parsonage over to the Synod, to be used in planting a church elsewhere. They have a good church building and a comfortable parsonage, the latter being in good repair and rented regularly.

At the urgent appeal of some Lutheran families, living fifteen miles north of Leoti, Wichita County, asking for a church and Lutheran services, I visited them in March, giving them three days and preaching in a school-house. I baptized sixteen children and ministered to their sick. Half of them live in sod houses, and they told me they had not seen a Lutheran minister for fifteen years. Their hunger for the Lutheran gospel was affecting. However, I could not see any way for opening services, owing to the lack of other points where another church or two could be located so as to afford a living for a pastor.

On the 20th of April I visited Hutchinson, and advised with the church council as to their needs. The church is in a critical condition. Its only salvation lies in getting a strong man there, who is equal to the needs of the place.

On May 22d, I attended the funeral of Rev. J. B. McAfee in my official capacity, according to the by-laws of the Synod.

On Sundays, July 12th and 19th, I supplied the Excelsior and Mt. Zion congregations of the Bunker Hill charge, and on July 27th and 28th I preached for the Campus and Orion churches.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

Aside from the erection of new churches, I am pleased to note some other minor improvements over the Synod.

Norcatur has installed a new organ and laid new carpets, and Long Island has reroofed its building and redecorated its interior.

The new Cambria Church has been reroofed, also its parsonage. A new lighting plant has been placed in the church. The cost was $400.00.

The Eureka Church has installed a new heating plant.

At Waterville, the church has erected a little home for the poor, at a cost of $400.00.

New, beautiful, oak pews have been placed in the Zion Church at Bunker Hill, at a cost of $265.00.

The Lawrence Church has been reroofed, its interior redecorated, which,

with other repairs, and the cancellation of a $200.00 note, represents an outlay of $615.00.

The Moray Church has enlarged its cemetery and inclosed it, at an outlay of $218.00.

The Hays Church has installed a steam-heating plant and improved its belfry, at a cost of $900.00.

The St. Joseph Church, after a heroic effort, has succeeded in raising a subscription more than covering its $3,000.00 debt to the Board of Church Extension. It hopes to have all this collected in by the end of the year.

The First Church, of Kansas City, has repaired its exterior.

St. John's, at Salina, has reseated its lecture-room with chairs.

The Sedalia Church has paid $350.00 on its interest-bearing debt.

Trinity Church, Kansas City, Kan., has improved its Sunday school room at a cost of $100.00, and paid a similar sum on its debt.

Wellington has laid a new walk and placed city water in both the church and parsonage.

Emporia has signalized a great triumph in the payment of a debt of twenty years' standing, amounting to $2,100.00, to the Board of Church Extension.

The Oklahoma City Church has paid $800.00 on its debt, laid a new carpet, and made other improvements costing $245.00.

Besides these, there were improvements in some other charges, costing under $100.00.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

A careful examination of the reports on the State of the Church indicates the following conditions:

One-half of our churches report the attendance growing, in two instances it is diminishing, and in the balance it is stationary.

Three-fourths of our churches report the membership as using the means of grace faithfully.

In the church attendance on the part of children and youth, one-third of our churches report it as good, another as fifty per cent., and the balance give discouraging reports.

Few churches report any religious awakening out of the ordinary, and ten report that they hold no weekly prayer service, and five are reported as unfaithful in the presentation of their children for Christian baptism, and three report their children are not taught faithfully the catechism. All of the reports, with the exception of two, indicate that very few families, compared with the whole, observe family worship and give religious instruction in the home.

Every Sunday school, with the exception of one, is "evergreen"—that is, open all the year. Many pastors want someone to solve the problem, "How to hold the children for the church service following immediately the Sunday school," for a great many report that the children go home from school and hence do not get into the habit of church attendance, which ofttimes continues after confirmation.

One pastor, for very shame, failed to answer the question, "What lesson helps do you use?" You can see who he is by consulting the reports which will be hung up for exhibition. Only three schools fail to co-operate in missionary work by observing the special days, and only three or four churches report that they have no definite plan for raising the apportionment, and, of course, they do not raise it. I am glad to say that a larger proportion than usual have raised their apportionment in full, which indicates that we have a force of good men on the field. In this year of general prosperity, there seems but little excuse for failing to come up to the mark. Over a dozen of our churches do not have missionary societies, and a half dozen pastorates report that the pastor's salary is not promptly paid, and but two of our missionaries make a reduction for missionary aid for the ensuing year.

CONCLUSION.

As the time has now arrived for me to give back to you the responsibility entrusted to me, I do so with considerable relief, as the combined duties of this office and the preparation and publication of the "History of Kansas Synod" have given me many trying and exacting duties, which have consumed so much of my time that ofttimes I found myself on the verge of rebellion, hence I now more than welcome the privilege of again being divested of authority and relieved of special responsibility.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In order to decrease our printing bills, which have assumed frightful propoportions, and swamped our treasury, I would recommend a greater brevity in the preparation of reports, aiming to confine them to facts rather than observations, in both Synod and woman's convention.

2. That Section XII. (*a*) of our by-laws be so amended as to read, "Synod shall elect three members," and that we proceed to elect, as per this by-law, three members on Midland's Board of Trustees, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

3. That we renew our memorial to Midland's Board, praying for one additional member on said Board, as contemplated in our former memorial.

4. That we set apart a half hour for a memorial service in honor of Dr. McAfee and Mr. Berlin.

Respectfully submitted, H. A. OTT.

Treasurer's report was read. (See Appendix A.)
On motion was referred to Auditing Committee.

Election of Officers.

President—Rev. George S. Murphy.
Secretary—Rev. S. M. Lesher.
Treasurer—J. E. Tressler, M. D.
Statistical and Historical Secretary—Rev B. R. Lantz.

On motion Rev. Drs. Troxell, Ludden, Hay, and Rev. Edwin C. Harris were made advisory members of Synod.

On motion the first seven pews of the church were made the bar of Synod.

On motion the Rev. A. R. Betz was made a corresponding member of Synod.

The President appointed Revs. W. W. Horn and Oliver MacWilliams to escort the newly-elected President to the chair.

On motion the hours of opening and adjournment of Synod were fixed at 8.30 and 11.30 A. M. and 2.00 and 4.30 P. M.

On motion the Report of Trustees of Midland College was made the special order for Monday at 9 o'clock.

The following brethren were elected as reporters to church papers:

Lutheran World—Rev. A. E. Renn.

Lutheran Observer—Rev. George Beiswanger.

Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. J. H. Fetterolf.

The Secretary was instructed by motion to publish the addresses of officers of Synod, and those of delegates and alternates to General Synod in the minutes.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Movement.

One year ago it was my pleasure to speak to you upon a subject which our Church had just recently recognized as one of vital importance to the success of our efforts in the great field of the General Synod Lutheran Church in America.

No one questions the wisdom of this timely movement among the laymen. Its object and purpose has been set before us, and it might be of interest to note the progress made in the work. The work has been carried on in twenty-four of our Synods, with the result that 550 churches have reported organizations to the general committee.

In our own Synod twenty-one churches have taken some interest in the work, while more than half of our number have manifested little or no interest. We take courage, however, in the knowledge that while many of our people have not expressed their good intentions in loud words, they have been doing some very effective work, as it appears that last year's benevolent contributions will be exceeded by more than $1,500.00. Whatever may have been the force among us, we say "God-speed" and pray for the day when all will realize the importance of more effective work.

As a member of the committee I appeal to every pastor and layman to unite in this work. Do not delay. Go forward. Do something, and you will get results. It is not necessary to have an elaborate organization at present. What we need is the quiet work of getting acquainted with the situation, and as we progress, necessary organization will follow.

What we want now is "*results.*" We have not been living up to our opportunities and our obligations as a Church. The Church at large has a right to expect more from us than we have been giving, and we will not be dealing fair if we do not support the various Boards of the Church. By the grace of God we live and move and have our being, and is it not right that we should give Him some of our *busy* hours and days? If our work shall succeed, this must be done.

You can find in nearly every congregation men who will take up this work, if the matter is placed before them in the proper light. Who will go from this meeting with the determination to do better work than he has done in the past? Let us all think the matter over, and when you get home, take time to write a few lines to your member of the General Committee, with some suggestions which will help the work along.

Respectfully submitted, JESSE SCHWARTZ.

Adopted.

Moved that the selection of representative of Synod on Laymen's Movement be referred to Calendar Committee.

The President read the list of committees.

Appointment of Committees.

On President's Report—Rev. J. C. Schindel, Rev. Geo. Beiswanger and Mr. H. F. Rizer.

Auditing—Messrs. Otto Croy, A. B. Zimmerman and L. T. Bang.

Absentees and Excuses—Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Rev. J. B. Grove and Mr. Isaac Hemphill.

Apportionment—Rev. B. R. Lantz, Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., and Mr. Geo. N. Erhard.

Correspondence—Rev. A. J. Kissell, Rev. Oliver MacWilliams and Mr. Theo. Bender.

Synodical Calendar—Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., Rev. G. G. Clark and Rev. John A. Bright.

Literary and Theological Institutions—Rev. R. B. Wolf, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and Mr. J. M. Dornblaser.

Minutes of Conferences—Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. W. W. Horn and Mr. F. B. Roots.

Resolutions—Rev. A. E. Renn, Rev. J. H. Utesch and Mr. James Keller.

Vacant Congregations—Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., Rev. Fuller Bergstresser and Mr. J. B. Tritt.

Claims—Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., Rev. E. Bollman and Mr. John Holzley.

Temperance—Rev. I. B. Heisey, Rev. E. E. Stauffer and Mr. William Calvert.

Admission of New Churches—Rev. W. W. Horn, Rev. R. B. Wolf and Mr. J. B. Livers.

Representative to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society—Rev. A. M. Reitzel.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2 P. M.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Ministeral Education was read.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report that during the last year the following four young men have received aid from the Synod:

Mr. Paul Heisey, of the middle class of the Theological Seminary.

Mr. Paul Menenoah, now a junior in the same institution.

Mr. Herman Psicholz, of the sophomore class in Midland College.

Mr. Gerhard Krueger, freshman in the same institution.

The conduct of these young men, as far as the committee know, has been above reproach and the grades given by their teachers show diligent study.

During the summer vacation Mr. Heisey did acceptable and successful work in a mission field in Western Nebraska, and the other young men were at work earning money to continue their studies.

Mr. Krueger has decided to spend this year in work, so that he can go on uninterrupted on his return to the institution next year.

We would recommend:

1. That Mr. Paul Heisey and Mr. Paul Menenoah be each given an appropriation of $125.00.

2. That the committee be allowed to give Mr. Hermon Psicholz the sum of $50.00 if the Committee feels that he needs such aid.

3. That Mr. Gerhard Krueger be allowed to drop out this year, for the purpose of earning money to continue his studies, but that we will expect him to take up his work in the college next year.

4. Mr. Paul Heisey desires the permission of Synod to spend a year at some institution doing post-graduate work, after his graduation from the Western Theological Seminary, and we recommend that such permission be given, if at his graduation he still desires to take such course.

5. That the apportionment for this purpose be the same as last year, viz., 10 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. YARGER,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Report adopted and the item of the apportionment referred to the Committee on Apportionment.

Report of Committee on Minutes of last year was read.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes beg leave to report:

1. On page 19 reference is made to the Carnegie Library Endowment Fund, and Synod's note for same. What is the condition of this fund and the status of the note?

$591.23 paid in.

2. On page 24 request is made for By-laws to govern the action of the Trustees of Synod. Have these been provided?

Yes. (See By-laws.)

3. On page 34, Rev. Cromer was appointed a committee to convey the sympathy and Christian consolation of Synod to Rev. J. B. McAfee, D. D., and Bro. J. H. Berlin, on account of their illness. Was this done?

Yes; and Brother Berlin was able to reply, which he did in most grateful language.

4. On page 45 pastors are requested to bring copies of their parish papers, programs, etc., to Synod. Has this been done?

No.

5. On page 47 a committee was appointed in connection with the Biederwolf evangelistic campaign. What was done?

Report later.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
C. W. SIFFERD,
G. G. CLARK.

Adopted.

A special committee appointed to wait upon the Rev. H. B. Birchby, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and express the sympathy of Synod in his bereavement in the death of his wife. Committee, Revs. J. M. Cromer, D. D., A. M. Reitzel and B. R. Lantz.

The Rev. George S. Ricker spoke in the interests of the Society for the Friendless.

It was made the special order to hear Dr. Hay after Dr. Troxell, on Monday forenoon.

On motion, a resolution from Emporia church council memorializing Synod was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Synod adjourned for the preparatory service.

Prayer was offered by Rev. George Beiswanger.

The preparatory sermon was preached by the Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

Memorial services of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Address by Rev. Edwin C. Harris.

Offering for Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society treasury.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning.—Communion sermon by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.
Evening.—Ordination sermon by Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning.—Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D.
Evening.—Rev. W. W. Horn.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Morning.—Rev. J. C. Schindel.

Evening.—Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 9 A. M.

One-half hour devotional service was led by William Calvert.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Pugh.

Roll-call.

Special order, report of Trustees of Midland College.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

An excellent interest in the college and its work was indicated by a full meeting of the Board last June. Mr. A. J. Harni, who has served the Board so efficiently and faithfully for years, was re-elected President, and Mr. Leroy Kelsey, the first graduate of the college, was also re-elected Secretary.

The faculty's report indicated a successful year of college work, and the good health of faculty and students for the year is a cause for profound thanksgiving.

The college commencement was held on Wednesday, one day earlier than usual, thus enabling the Trustees all to enjoy the occasion. These exercises are becoming more interesting each year. This year they were held on Oak Hall Lawn, and ex-Governor Baley, of Kansas, delivered the address, on the subject, "The Aim of an Education."

The Trustees' instructions to the faculty regarding the granting of the A. M. degree have been complied with, and the course is now open to applicants, who may secure conditions through correspondence with the faculty.

Two important changes in the teaching force of the institution have occurred during the year. Miss Ida Mae Rieger, a Lutheran, replaces Miss Murray in charge of the department of public speaking, while Prof. A. B. Frizzel, of Harvard University, replaces Prof. W. E. Anderson in the chair of Mathematics and Astronomy.

The attendance for the year was about the same as the year before, there being a total net enrollment of 202—260 being listed, of these 58 were repetitions. The college classes have an increase, while the Music Department shows a slight decrease.

Some valuable additions have been made to the Science Department and the Library during the year. Excellent use is being made of the new Biological Laboratory. Improvements on the property have been made for both the young men and young ladies in the way of extra bath, laundry and water

privileges. In answer to a general petition of the students and at slight cost, an athletic director has been provided for, who has charge of all indoor and outdoor athletics. The instructor also takes work in the college.

The library endowment fund is being paid in slowly, but has not yet reached the amount to secure the authority of Mr. Carnegie to go forward with the erection of the building. It will come in due time. The subscriptions of the Synods and the college organizations were made on a five-year basis. And the subscriptions of the General Synod treasury, the Board of Education, Melanchthon Fund, and some individuals, are only waiting a convenient time for their payment, when the fund has been more nearly gathered.

The amount of the fund now in the hands of the college Treasurer is sufficient for the granting of an appropriation each year for the purchase of new books for the library.

A bequest of $5,000.00 from the late Rev. J. G. Griffith, D. D., for the erection of an assembly hall or chapel on the college campus, is available as soon as an equal amount is set apart by the Trustees, so as to make a $10,000.00 improvement.

The need of a suitable auditorium on the college grounds is as apparent as the need of a library building, and it is the earnest hope of your Trustees that some way may be devised to erect such a building during the coming year. There is no suitable enclosed place for the holding of chapel exercises, lectures, concerts, recitals, preaching services, or commencement exercises anywhere in our building, or short of nearly a mile down town.

A decided change for the better has been made in the college year and daily recitation work at Midland, so as to have our course conform to the standardization of the American college and university system in general. This has been done in accordance with a recommendation from the Kansas State Board of Education, and includes the doing away with the three term system and the dividing of the year into two semesters of eighteen and one-half weeks each, and the length of recitation periods from forty-five minutes to one hour each.

The memorial to the Board of Trustees from our Synod for a larger representation in that body was taken up and a readjustment made by which the number of members of the body was not increased, but the Synods were assigned one additional representative each, and the Alumni Association, leaving only ten members of the Board self-perpetuating. The member of the Board assigned to be elected by the Synod was Mr. C. J. Erickson.

The Trustees at their last meeting made it the duty of the members of the faculty each to spend some time during the summer vacation canvassing our field for students.

The faculty report to the Trustees contained a request for a solicitor to be placed in the field. Instead of granting this request, it was decided to relieve the President as much as possible from class work, so as to have his more efficient service in the field.

1. We recommend, in accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees,

that our pastors in their various fields give such aid and co-operation to the President of the college as will enable him to do efficient work in securing students and funds for Midland.

2. We recommend that the Synod elect its Trustees for one, two and three years.

Respectfully submitted, I. B. HEISEY.

Moved that the report be adopted and recommendations considered item by item. Carried.

Report adopted.

Dr. Troxell was heard in behalf of Midland College.

Moved that the representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be heard at the opening of Synod this afternoon.

On motion, the election of delegates to General Synod was made the special order after hearing the representative of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The hearing of Dr. Altman in behalf of the Board of Education was made the special order after hearing Dr. Hay.

Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., was heard in behalf of Deaconess work.

Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., presented the interests of the Board of Education.

A fund of $75.00 was raised to furnish a room in the Western Theological Seminary. Contributors—Rev. George S. Murphy, $5.00; Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., $5.00; Rev. W. W. Horn, $5.00; Rev. I. B. Heisey, $5.00; J. E. Tressler, M. D., $5.00; Rev. E. E. Stauffer, $5.00; H. F. Rizer, $5.00; Louis T. Bang, $5.00; John A. Wible, $5.00; Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., $5.00; Rev. G. G. Clark, $5.00; C. C. Acker, $5.00; W. E. Kost, $5.00; Deaconess Board, First Church, Kansas City, $5.00; Oklahoma City Church, $5.00.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

1. It has been the unusual distinction of our retiring President, the Rev. H. A. Ott, D.D., to have served Synod during two years of the best and most prosperous years in our history. During this period he has performed every duty of his arduous post with marked ability and with credit to the Church. The thanks of Synod due him are, by the adoption of this item, heartily expressed.

2. See Protocol.

3. We recommend concurrence in the first of the report's recommendations.

4. In harmony with the second recommendation, we recommend that the Section of our By-laws be amended as advised, and that the election of Directors, in harmony with such revision, be held immediately after the adoption of this report.

5. Concurring in Recommendation 3, we recommend the renewal of said memorial, and that our Trustees on the Board be instructed to urge and support this memorial.

6. That the half hour memorial service for Dr. McAfee and Mr. Berlin be held in the lecture-room this evening at seven o'clock.

7. We recommend that the bond of the Treasurer in the sum of $1,000.00 be renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCHINDEL,
GEORGE BEISWANGER,
H. F. RIZER.

Considered item by item.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Admission of New Churches.

Your committee have received an application from the church at Orion, Kan., through its pastor, Rev. John A. Bright, for admission to membership in this Synod. We have examined the constitution submitted and find that it conforms to the regulations of this Synod. We, therefore, recommend that the application be granted.

We would further recommend that the churches located at Campus and Orion, Kan., be united to form a pastoral charge, to be known as the Campus charge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HORN,
R. B. WOLF,
J. B. LIVERS.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Visit to Rev. Mr. Birchby.

Your committee appointed to visit the Rev. Mr. Birchby report that they performed their duty, extending the sympathy of this Synod to him in his sore bereavement in the loss of his wife. Brother Birchby desired us to report his sincere gratitude to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
B. R. LANTZ,
A. M. REITZEL.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. R. B. Wolf.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. W. Horn.

Mrs. H. A. Ott bore greetings from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and spoke in behalf of the woman's work.

Election of Delegates to General Synod.

The President appointed as tellers for election of clerical delegates Rev. I. B. Heisey, Rev. B. R. Lantz and J. E. Keel. For lay delegates, Rev. R. B. Wolf, Rev. J. B. Grove and G. N. Erhard.

CLERICAL.

Principals.

Rev. G. G. Clark, Emporia, Kan.
Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., Atchison, Kan.
Rev. John A. Bright, Campus, Kan.
Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., Salina, Kan.
Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Lawrence, Kan.

Alternates.

Rev. I. B. Heisey, Waterville, Kan.
Rev. J. B. Grove, Norcatur, Kan.
Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., Ottawa, Kan.
Rev. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.
Rev. George Beiswanger, Oklahoma City, Okla.

LAY.

Principals.

Jesse Schwartz, St. Joseph, Mo.
E. R. Worthington, Peabody, Kan.
A. B. Zimmerman, Atchison, Kan.
George G. Sohlberg, Oklahoma City, Okla.
J. B. Livers, Waterville, Kan.

Alternates.

Louis T. Bang, Emporia, Kan.

H. F. Rizer, Eureka, Kan.

F. B. Roots, Campus, Kan.

John N. Nelson, Ottawa, Kan.

J. H. Meyer, Sedalia, Mo.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your Committee on Claims report:

1.	By Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., expenses to Tabitha Home Trustees' meeting	$6 20
2.	By Rev. B. R. Lantz for attending Trustees' meeting, Tabitha Home	10 00
3.	By Secretary, Rev. S. M. Lesher	5 35
4.	By President, Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D	22 50
	Total	$44 05

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
E. BOLLMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Conferences.

Your Committee on Conferences would submit the following report:

The minutes of our two conferences have been placed in the hands of your committee. By examination of these minutes we find that both Conferences have held meetings during the year—the Northeast in Trinity Church, Kansas City, Kan., Rev. R. B. Wolf, pastor; the Southwest in Oklahoma City, Okla., Rev. George Beiswanger, pastor.

The minutes reveal that these meetings were both helpful and interesting, but contain nothing of importance to be brought to the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER,
W. W. HORN,
F. B. ROOTS.

Report adopted.

On motion, the request made by Brother F. B. Roots in behalf of the Campus Church was referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

It was made a special order to hear Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., at the opening of Synod to-morrow morning.

Election of Trustees of Midland College.

Tellers appointed: W. E. Kost and J. E. Tressler, M. D.

The election resulted as follows:

Louis T. Bang for three years.

Rev. George S. Murphy for two years.

C. J. Erickson for one year.

Report of Special Committee on the Kansas Forward Movement.

Your Special Committee, appointed a year ago to represent the Synod in the Kansas Forward Movement which is under the direction of the Rev. William Biederwolf, would report that we have had some correspondence during the year with those having the work in charge. However, nothing of special importance has resulted so far as our Lutheran churches are concerned.

We would recommend that, owing to the fact that our Lutheran method of work is generally different from that comprehended in this movement, that your committee be hereby dismissed, at the same time expressing our hearty good wishes for the work.

Respectfully submitted, E. E. STAUFFER.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. George Beiswanger.

EVENING SERVICE.

MONDAY, 7 O'CLOCK.

A memorial service was held in the lecture-room of the church.

Report of Committee on Necrology.

In memory of all the loved and honored dead your committee would humbly report:

"There is a reaper whose name is Death,
And, with his sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

WHEREAS, During the cycle of another Synodical year two of our most honored, active and also senior members of this Synod have been transformed from their work to their reward—from this mortal to yon immortal. Rev. Josiah B. McAfee, born in Pennsylvania, August 8th, 1830, died at his country home, near Topeka Kan., May 19th, 1908, aged seventy-eight years; and Bro. J. H. Berlin, born in Pennsylvania, in 1841, died at his home in Atchison, Kan., April 2d, 1908, aged sixty-seven years. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of these two good men the Synod of Kansas mourns as for her true friends.

Brother McAfee came to Kansas in 1855, preached, taught school, farmed, fought for his country from 1862 to 1865. He was instrumental in organizing the first five Lutheran congregations in Kansas. He was the only surviving charter member of our Synod residing within its bounds.

Brother Berlin, a charter member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kan., a prominent and efficient business man in his city, elder and Treasurer of the church, six years Treasurer of this Synod, a Trustee of Midland College, and very much interested in all the educational and financial work of the Church.

Resolved, That as a Synod we ever cherish the memory of their long and useful lives, and offer to their bereaved families and friends our loving sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That we learn to cherish their virtues, and lay this silent tearful tribute of affection upon the tombs of our departed brothers in Christ, and mingle with it the fervent prayer that our own end, when it comes, may be as fragrant and blessed. Amen.

"May we with equal courage true,
The duties *now* before us do,
Till from on high the voice is heard,
Come thou unto thy *sure* reward."

Respectfully submitted, in hope and trust,

B. F. PUGH,
J. A. BRIGHT,
H. H. HALL.

Report adopted.

Addresses were delivered at the evening service by Rev. Edwin C. Harris on Foreign Missions, and Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., on Home Missions.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 A. M.

Devotional service was led by Rev. A. M. Reitzel.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

The interests of the Board of Church Extension were presented by the Secretary, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

In the midst of our enthusiasm for the development of our national defences against external foes, we have awakened to realize that our greatest foe dwells

among us in the form of the American saloon, under whose wings are hatched and fostered all the vile brood of human vices, and which is the cause of a very large percentage of the pauperism and crime of our land.

The license system is no better now than it was in the days of Leo X., when in a different form it aroused the indignation of Luther and became a potent cause of the reformation. It is a disgrace to twentieth century civilization, and every true Lutheran, and, indeed, every Christian should set himself against it, until not a single licensed saloon—not a single vestige of the license system—is left among us.

The saloon has all but invaded the sanctuary. With its ungodly allies, the Sunday theatre and Sunday baseball, it has led and is leading thousands from the path of purity and piety.

It is a matter for rejoicing and thanksgiving to God that such marvelous progress is being made against the enemy. That at present about one-half of our eighty millions of people are living under prohibition, and that enemy of all righteousness, the saloon, is realizing that the end of the traffic is at hand. In a recent issue of one of the most important publications of the saloon interests, it was admitted that the business must soon be driven within the limits of the large cities.

The Sunday saloon and theatre are among the worst forms of the evil, and we note with gratitude and rejoicing the progress that has been made in the enforcement of Sunday closing laws. We most heartily commend the efforts of the men who have so bravely labored along this line in making sentiment and enforcing law.

The need of the hour is Federal protection of prohibition territory, in some such form as was proposed by a bill in the last congress. We are in hearty accord with the movement to put a man in the position of Speaker of the House who will not block action on these reform measures.

Every member of the Kansas Synod should ally himself with the forces that make for righteousness along these lines, and seek, by teaching and preaching, in public and private, to develop sentiment against the saloon and intemperance, against Sunday desecration, the Sunday theatre and Sunday baseball, and in favor of men in public office who realize the importance of morality and religion.

It is a matter of satisfaction to all right-thinking people that the nominees for governor of our commonwealth of both the leading political parties are men who have declared themselves favorably and publicly for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
E. E. STAUFFER,
WILLIAM CALVERT.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacant Congregations.

The following charges are without a regular pastor: Effingham, Greenleaf, Hutchinson, Minneapolis, New Cambria.

We recommend that the Presidents of the Conferences within whose borders these vacancies occur assist the President of Synod in arranging for supplies and securing of regular pastors at the earliest practical date, and that they call on our Western Theological Seminary to help out in supply work as they deem advisable, conferring with the proper authority.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
F. BERGSTRESSER,
J. B. TRITT.

Report adopted.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Aid has been granted during the past year, in part or in whole, to the following charges: Bunker Hill; Effingham; Garnett; Hutchinson; Grace, Memorial and Trinity, Kansas City; Oklahoma City; Ottawa; Sedalia; Wellington and Whitewater. A brief reference to the needs of these charges is in order.

Bunker Hill.—During the year a couple of months' aid was given. The burning of the Excelsior Church has worked a hardship on the charge, and they beg to be helped in the sum of $100.00. They have called a new pastor in the person of Rev. J. Kuhn, of St. Elmo, Ill., who will be on the ground in a couple of weeks.

Effingham.—During the year this charge received $250.00. At present it is vacant, although supplied now and then by its last pastor. They express themselves as doubting their ability of ever becoming self-sustaining separate from another church, and maintain that it was a mistake to separate them from Valley Falls as a pastorate; and further, that it is their wish to be reunited with Valley Falls, as formerly, provided the latter church concurs. It is the opinion of your committee that this charge ought to be reunited, when aid, possibly, in the sum of $100.00 would tide them through the year. We recommend that the President of Synod urge the consummation of this end, and that Dr. Dysinger be requested to use his good offices in effecting this union.

Garnett.—St. Paul's Mission has had a fair year, with a struggle to make ends meet, owing to their small numbers. The meager salary they are giving their pastor makes it almost impossible to keep the church supplied. They ask $100.00 again. Grace Church has disbanded and is dropped from the Synod's roll.

Kansas City, Grace.—This church recently removed into a new locality, found itself compelled to ask for aid. In the interim of Synod they applied for $500.00 for the first year and $250.00 for the second year, when they felt sure they could again assume self-support. Your committee endorsed their application, and the pastor was commissioned on the first of July.

Kansas City, Memorial.—Owing to the necessity of removal to another part of the city, Memorial Church will have to have $400.00 again this year. The

moving and the erection of a new church and irregular services have tended to somewhat disturb their finances, but they are confident, when they get into their new church, that affairs will assume normal conditions and their prosperity will be assured.

Kansas City, Trinity.—This mission has made progress, evinced in their cutting down their requisition for aid. They ask for $480.00 for the ensuing year.

Norcatur Charge.—This charge received $100.00 last year and asks the same amount for the coming year.

Hutchinson.—Zion Church is vacant. It is one of the trying points among our missions on account of its long continuance as a mission and its lack of growth. We recommend that the Board of Home Missions send its Field Secretary to Hutchinson to investigate the conditions there, and if at all encouraging, that the Board send a strong man there and give the mission one more trial, appropriating for its help such a sum as may be necessary.

Oklahoma City.—This mission has made good progress during the year, assuming $100.00 more of its own support. It asks $500.00 for the ensuing year and hopes to materially decrease this in the near future.

Ottawa.—St. Paul's, of Ottawa, has been making good progress, and this coming year decreases its request for help from $175.00 to $100.00, and one year hence they express their willingness to assume self-support.

Sedalia.—Trinity Church has voluntarily decreased its request for aid from $390.00 to $375.00. They have their seasons of discouragement, but are looking for better things during the ensuing year.

Wellington.—St. John's decreases its request for aid in the sum of $50.00 and asks for $100.00 for the ensuing year.

Whitewater.—Zion Church is in a small town in which the support is so limited that they will have to have $100.00 again this year to make ends meet.

NEW POINTS.

According to the instruction of Synod your committee arranged to have a careful canvass of Pittsburg, Kan., and Tulsa, Okla., to ascertain how promising these cities were for establishing missions in them.

In May, we sent Rev. J. H. Utesch to Pittsburg, who made a careful house-to-house canvass, locating all the Lutheran material in the city. On Sunday Rev. Dr. Sifferd assisted him in holding services there. Both these brethren reported the field ripe, and a list of some over thirty names of people ready to enter an organization.

About the same time we sent Dr. H. L. Yarger and Rev. George Beiswanger to Tulsa, who made a canvass of that city and reported over thirty people ready to enter an organization, and some of these were enthusiastic General Synod people. We sent the Board of Home Missions the reports of these brethren, informing the Board of our willingness to assist in the support of these fields and urging them to take up these points at once. The Board

replied that, owing to their exhausted treasury, they could help only one point. As Tulsa was the more promising point, we chose that. The people there asked that Rev. Charles Armstrong be sent them as their missionary. At first, Dr. Armstrong declined to consider the place, after a visit to the field. Then later he accepted a call subject to the consent of his people to let him off. His congregation refused to accept his resignation and Dr. Armstrong declined our call. This consumed nearly three months' time. Later, your committee and the Board offered the place to Revs. E. E. Stauffer, A. M. Reitzel and Dr. J. A. Lowe. The two first named declined the call. Dr. Lowe visited the field on the fourth instant, and while declaring the field a good one and ripe for the reaping, declined to accept a call. It is with the keenest disappointment that your committee reports its failure to get this field occupied before this session of Synod. It is sincerely hoped we may be able to get a man located in the near future.

Wichita.—A delegation of earnest Lutheran people from Wichita has come to this Synod asking that a church be organized there and assuring that it can be started with fifty members. The Home Mission Board has for a long time desired to occupy Wichita, considering it as a strategic point into which many of our Lutheran people move to be lost to our Church. We recommend that the place be canvassed at once under the direction of the President of Synod, aided by neighboring pastors, with a view of organizing.

Campus.—The organization of a church at Campus and at Orion, the erection of a church at the former place and a parsonage as per the last two reports of the President, were done without any Home Mission aid. Owing to the ruination of crops by hail this new charge is in distress and begs for some help. We recommend that the sum of $120.00 for this year be given them, taken from our Synodical Home Mission funds in hand.

Of the $400.00 pledged one year ago for Synodical Home Missions we regret to say that only $223.00 was paid. We recommend that the chairman of this committee make efforts to collect the unpaid pledges.

Cedar Springs.—In view of the work done by Mr. William Calvert at Cedar Springs, a suburb of Kansas City, Mo., and since Mr. Calvert has been put under the direction of the President of Synod, we recommend the work at Cedar Springs to the President's care and attention.

It is a pleasure to report that the entire apportionment for Home Missions was practically raised this year, the shortage consisting of only $8.75; this, of course, not counting the $223.00 extra raised for special Synodical Missions.

We recommend that a "Synodical Home Mission Day" be observed by each of our churches, and that an offering be taken for Synodical Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT.
G. S. MURPHY
I. B. HEISEY.

Report considered item by item.

Report adopted.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. Rufus L. George, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat among us.

Election of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Tellers appointed: Rev. W. W. Horn, Rev. A. M. Reitzel, E. R. Worthington.

The following were elected: Rev. George S. Murphy, three years; Rev. I. B. Heisey, two years; Rev. H. A. Ott, D. D., one year.

Rev. J. M. Cromer, D. D., gave notice that one year hence he would move the adoption of a by-law making the President of Synod *ex officio* Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Home Missions.

Report of Special Committee to Raise a Fund of $75.00 to Furnish a Room in Tabitha Home.

Your committee appointed to secure $75.00 to furnish Kansas Synod room n Tabitha Hospital report the following subscriptions:

Salina	$5 00
Lawrence	5 00
Waterville	5 00
Oklahoma City	10 65
Abilene	5 00
St. Joseph	15 00
Total	$45 65

The committee recommend that it be continued until the amount of $75.00 be raised.

Respectfully submitted, B. R. LANTZ.

Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home.

The past year has been one of peculiar hardship to Tabitha Home. This has been due to the launching of the hospital, that splendid enterprise which we confidently believe will be the future pride of our Church. The remodeling of the building has involved an expenditure of money far beyond the first calculations. The improvements have been made at a cost of $25,000.00. The present indebtedness, including the liabilities incurred when our Church accepted Tabitha Home, is about $35,000.00. To cover this indebtedness, the

Board of Trustees, upon the advice of its attorney, has issued 680 bonds, at $50.00 par value, bearing five per cent. interest, and guaranteed by a first mortgage on the property, which has been appraised at $65,000.00.

The hospital was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, Friday, September 4th, 1908. The Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., presided. The Hon. William J. Bryan delivered the principal address to a large crowd of 800 people. Prior to his address Mr. Bryan selected one of the choicest rooms in the building and ordered it furnished in the best possible manner at his expense.

The hospital has one of the finest equipments in the West. The operating-rooms are the pride of the institution and the admiration of all who see them. The rooms are all newly furnished, mainly by congregations and individuals of the Lutheran Church. Kansas Synod has furnished three rooms; one by the Synod, one by the Salina Church, and one by the King's Daughters of St. Joseph.

The hospital must necessarily be the principal department of Tabitha Home for some years to come. With the completion of the steam-heating plant and the appointment of a competent medical staff, we look for the hospital to become a source of large revenue to the Home. The possibilities in this direction are evident from the amount of money already received from the few patients who have been successfully treated.

During the year we have cared for 25 old people and 10 children. On account of the unsettled conditions incident to remodeling we have not made special efforts to increase this number. The Board has in mind, however, to admit others as rapidly as circumstances will admit. The old folks especially have been subjected to great inconveniences on account of repairs. These, with the lack of heat, have affected their health to some extent.

We are happy to report that, after long delay, a superintendent for the Home has been secured in the person of the Rev. G. Mueller, President of the German Nebraska Synod.

We recommend that Synod approve the bond issue and encourage the sale of bonds that the pressing claims of the Home may be met.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. LANTZ,
H. L. YARGER.

Report adopted.

On motion, a special committee was appointed to write a letter of sympathy to Bro. A. B. Shrader, who is sick. Committee, Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

The Report of the Parochial Committee was read. (See Appendix B.)

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned, with prayer by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Kissell.

Report of Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions.

With reference to the Western Theological Seminary we are pleased to report that during the past year 20 young men were under instruction in that institution, 14 of whom were in the regular classified departments. Five of these were graduated at the last commencement, 4 from the English Department, and 1 from the German. The present term has opened with 14 regularly matriculated students.

During the past year our congregations have sent to the Treasurer of Synod $230.00 to apply on the Synod's obligation for seminary endowment. The total amount paid on this subscription of $1,500.00 is $600.00 in the three years this matter has been before our churches, being not quite the average to be maintained in order to complete the fund in the time set. We recommend the apportionment of seven cents be continued for the current year.

We commend the action of the Board of Education in purchasing a property for the Western Theological Seminary, and thereby giving a permanent location to that institution. We are glad that the location has been made at Atchison, in harmony with previous recommendations of this Synod, where, in the interest of economy and efficiency, our educational work in this Central West should be centered. We also congratulate the seminary in that so splendid a home has been secured for it.

The interests pertaining to the literary institution on our territory have been presented to Synod through its representative on the Board of Trustees. We recommend that in the future the committee be entitled, "Committee on Western Theological Seminary."

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. WOLF,
H. L. YARGER,
J. M. DORNBLASER.

Report considered item by item.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Endowment of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary.

Your committee reports that it has nothing to report beyond what has been covered by reports of other committees.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Your committee would report a letter from Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, Secretary General Synod Lutheran Ministers' Union, of Chicago, calling attention to the various Bible Conferences—as Northfield and Winona—and suggesting that the time is ripe for an effort along that line in our Church. We would recommend that this Synod endorse such a movement, and hereby authorize the President to appoint a clerical representative, to act in conjunction with representatives of other Synods in formulating some plan of action looking to the establishment of such Bible Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KISSELL,
OLIVER MACWILLIAMS,
THEO. BENDER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of the privilege of meeting as a Synod in such a beautiful and churchly temple of worship as our kind hosts have erected in Peabody, and that we congratulate pastor and people on the recent dedication free of debt.

2. *Resolved*, That we have greatly enjoyed the hospitality, fellowship and many kindly attentions of the members of St. Paul's Church, for which we express our gratitude.

3. *Resolved*, That the choir of St. Paul's deserves special mention for the most excellent and worshipful music, furnished in a dignified and churchly manner.

4. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure and profit the various representatives of the Boards of the Church, and that our hearts have been made glad by their presence and their reports of progress.

5. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in all phases of the work of our beloved Zion, and that we will place special emphasis on raising at the very least our full apportionment and an excess, if possible.

6. *Resolved*, That we invite the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to publish the proceedings of their convention in the bound volume of the minutes of our Synod, and that at least 1200 copies of the minutes be printed.

7. *Resolved*, That $5.00 be paid to the sexton of St. Paul's for services rendered during sessions of Synod.

8. *Resolved*, That we have had a delightful and profitable session of the Synod, that the sermons and addresses were of a high order, that everything has been done decently and in order.

9. *Resolved*, That we are gratified that we have more than raised our apportionment, and that there are many signs of commendable progress.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. RENN,
J. H. UTESCH,
JAMES KELLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage.

Your Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage would submit the following:

Owing to the change of holding the annual meeting of the Board from August to November no regular meeting has been held since the last meeting of Synod. However, a special meeting was held in December, 1907, one of your committee only being present.

At this meeting it was decided that the Executive Committee should proceed at once to secure plans for an addition to the Home, and to raise the necessary funds for the same, so far as possible, on the immediate territory of the Home. Plans have been completed which include the modernizing of the original building and an addition, the total cost of which will be $4,500.00.

The Home has 20 children, under the care of Rev. C. E. Wirick, as superintendent, and Mrs. Wirick as matron. The Home has no indebtedness, and has $2,000.00 in the treasury, the major part of which belongs to the building fund. The health of the children is good, and all of them have been able to attend the school, which is near the home.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER,
A. B. SHRADER.

Report adopted.

Election of Trustee to Nachusa Orphanage.

Tellers appointed: Otto W. Croy and Rev. E. Bollman.

Rev. A. B. Shrader was elected.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies present the following report:

The Sunday schools of our Synod give signs of being alive and progressive, a number of which have asked and received suggestions from your committee during the year. There are 39 Sunday schools in our Synod, a small increase over last year; however, reports show a small decrease in total membership. It is a matter of congratulation that there is an increase in the benevolent offerings.

In our Young People's Societies we find an increase of 106 in total membership.

Your committee would recommend:

First. That our Sunday schools be urged to observe all of our special days designated for the various Church Boards.

Second. In order that the teachers of our schools may be the better prepared for their work, that so far as possible Teacher Normal Training Classes be organized, and that the new book on that subject, authorized by the General Synod, and which will be published about the first of the new year, be the text-book.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. STAUFFER,
GEORGE BEISWANGER,
A. E. RENN.

Report adopted.

Election of Trustees to Tabitha Home.

Rev. B. R. Lantz and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., were elected.

On motion, Rev. Melmaker, pastor Baptist Church, was introduced and invited to a seat among us.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Satisfactory excuses have been received from Revs. Charles F. Wiest, J. T. Miller, W. A. Lipe, M. J. Firey, D. D., A. J. Koogle, J. Howard Stough, Ph. D., D. Scholl, S. Palmer, A. B. Shrader, J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., S. Henry and H. Zimmerman.

The committee have excused the following from part of the time of this convention: Revs. J. M. Cromer, D. D., B. R. Lantz, A. E. Renn, F. D. Altman, D. D., I. B. Heisey; Messrs. J. E. Keel, August Schnoke, F. B. Roots, W. E. Kost.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FETTEROLF,
J. B. GROVE.

Report adopted.

Report of the Historical Committee.

Shortly after the last convention of Synod the complete edition of the "History of Kansas Synod" was published. The books were sent prepaid to the various pastorates at the rate of one volume for every eight communicants, and the sum of $506.41 was advanced by one of the committee to pay the printer and the expressage and postage. If all of the books sent out had been sold, your committee could have discharged all financial obligations. Some of the congregations have not as yet reported their sales of books. We make the following financial report:

EXPENDITURES.

Paid F. M. Steves & Sons for printing and binding	$456 50
Postage and expressage in sending out books	49 91
Total	$506 41

RECEIPTS.

Total sales of books up to date reported to the Treasurer of Synod..	$268 95
Balance due the committee on settlement October 19th, 1908.....	237 46
Total	$506 41

Your committee recommend that each pastorate aim to sell the balance of the books assigned, and that the committee be continued until all financial obligations are settled up. We ask that an auditing committee be appointed to examine our books.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
R. B. WOLF,
H. L. YARGER,
E. E. STAUFFER.

Report adopted.

Brothers Croy and Keller were appointed a committee to audit account of above report.

On motion, a special contribution of $5.00 from Brother J. T. Miller was ordered placed in the Synodical Treasury.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your committee would recommend that the apportionment be as follows:

General Synod	$0 02
Synodical Treasury.....	09
Home Missions.....	30
Foreign Missions	25
Church Extension.....	20
Board of Education	20
Pastors' Fund	07
Ministerial Education.....	07
Orphans' Home.....	05
Deaconess Board	08
Home for Aged	05
Western Seminary Endowment.....	07
Midland College Endowment.....	10
Tabitha Home.....	02
Total	$1 57

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SIFFERD.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee wish to state that, with the exception of a slight mistake of $9.00 in the addition of the Midland College Endowment Fund, the balance reported by the Treasurer was found correct.

The amount as corrected stands, $2,880.08, and excess was changed to $5.59. The errors were cheerfully rectified by Mr. Tressler and his system of handling the funds of this Synod deserves the appreciation of all.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO W. CROY,
LOUIS T. BANG,
A. B. ZIMMERMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee to Audit Account of Historical Committee.

The special Auditing Committee herewith certify the report of the Historical Committee, showing balance of $237.46 due them.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO W. CROY,
JAMES KELLER,
WILLIAM CALVERT.

Report adopted.

Place of next meeting, First Church, Kansas City, Mo. Time, October, 15th, 1909.

Election of Trustees of Synod.

Bro. Otto W. Croy and Rev. W. W. Horn were appointed tellers.

Rev. George S. Murphy, Rev. S. M. Lesher, J. E. Tressler, M. D., Rev. W. W. Horn and Rev. E. E. Stauffer were elected.

Report of Calendar Committee.

(See Calendar.)

Report adopted.

Special Resolutions.

Inasmuch as a number of the delegates to this convention must bear their own expenses, and have been compelled to do so in past years; therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this convention that the congregations should bear the expenses of their clerical and lay delegates to Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the lay delegates be instructed to bring this action to the attention of their church councils and introduce a motion to this effect.

3. *Resolved*, That the following be added to the rules of the Ministerial Education Committee:

That no candidate for the ministry who has received assistance from the funds of this Synod shall accept licensure or ordination from any Synod other than the Kansas Synod, unless he shall have first received the consent in writing of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

4. *Resolved*, That the Synod instruct all standing committees to be prepared to report on the forenoon of the first business day of the Synod hereafter, and that the Secretary so inform these committees.

5. *Resolved*, That hereafter a stenographer with a typewriter be employed to serve the various committees.

Resolutions adopted.

Synod adjourned *sine die*, with prayer by Rev. E. E. Stauffer.

EVENING SERVICES.

TUESDAY, 7.30 O'CLOCK.

The sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Wolf, based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. His subject was "Our Eleemosynary Institutions."

At the close of the service the President declared the Forty-first Annual Convention of Synod closed.

SAMUEL MARTIN LESHER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Kissell.

The report of the Examining Committee was read.

Report of Examining Committee.

In view of the facts presented, in order to encourage Brother William Calvert to continue his helpful service to the Church, which service we most heartily commend, we recommend:

1. That until the next convention of Synod he pursue, at his home, a course of study under the direction of the faculty of the Western Theological Seminary.

2. That he give himself to missionary work, so much needed in the Church, and that such missionary labor be under the direction of the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. MURPHY
R. B. WOLF,
F. D. ALTMAN,
J. H. STOUGH.

The report was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. A. E. Renn.

SAMUEL MARTIN LESHER.
Secretary.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9 P. M.

The Trustees met in the pastor's study.

The officers of Synod were elected the officers of the Board of Trustees.

The following brethren were duly qualified: Rev. George S. Murphy, J. E. Tressler, M. D., Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. E. E. Stauffer and Rev. W. W. Horn.

The President was instructed to execute the Treasurer's bond.

Adjourned.

SAMUEL MARTIN LESHER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer

Place.	Congregation.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.
Abilene	Trinity	$4 00	$12 00	$59 00	$49 00	$39 00	$39 00
Atchison	St. Mark's	4 00	11 00	54 00	45 00	36 00	36 00
Beloit	Zion	3 00	3 00	9 44	17 96	6 03	17 73
Bunker Hill	Mount Zion	1 00	2 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00
Bunker Hill	Excelsior	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00
Campus	Lutheran	1 00	1 00	3 50	2 50	3 50	4 00
Chapman	Ebenezer	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00
Chapman	Scherer Memorial	1 00	2 00	13 00	9 00	7 00	7 00
Effingham	First Church	.....	69	18 00	15 00	6 00	12 00
Effingham	(Valley Falls) St. Paul's	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	9 00	9 00
Emporia	St. Mark's	2 00	7 00	33 00	27 00	22 00	22 00
Eureka	Christ's	1 00	3 00	40 00	20 00	13 00	13 00
Greenleaf	Trinity	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	2 30	2 50
Greenleaf	St. Paul's	1 00	2 50	5 10	5 45	8 00	7 50
Garnett	St. Paul's	1 00	1 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	5 00
Haskell	Grace	50	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Hays City	Trinity	.....	7 00	24 00	20 00	16 00	16 00
Hutchinson	Zion	.....	.....	13 96	14 46	6 06	7 95
Kansas City, Mo	First Church	3 00	10 00	49 00	30 00	33 00	31 00
Kansas City, Mo	Children's Memorial	.....	.....	8 50	.....	17 00	5 00
Kansas City, Mo	Grace	2 00	6 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Kansas City, Kan	Trinity	.....	.....	16 00	9 13	10 00	7 00
Lancaster	St. John's	.....	.....	3 00	1 30	3 40	.....
Lawrence	English	3 00	20 00	70 86	52 00	33 00	43 00
Minneapolis (Delphos)	St. John's	1 00	1 00	4 62	2 00	2 00	1 00
Moray	Evangelical	2 00	7 00	41 97	28 00	22 00	22 00
New Cambria	First English	3 00	1 50	17 50	10 00	15 00	4 00
Norcatur	St. Mark's	1 00	2 00	12 60	9 00	8 00	9 00
Norcatur	St. Paul's	1 00	1 00	5 40	4 03	4 00	3 00
Oklahoma City, Okla	First Church	1 00	4 00	22 00	14 00	11 00	11 00
Ottawa	St. Paul's	1 00	3 00	17 00	15 00	8 00	12 00
Peabody	St. Paul's	3 00	10 00	51 00	73 00	34 00	44 15
Perth	St. James'	1 00	6 00	33 00	18 00	15 00	15 00
Salina	St. John's	5 00	25 00	76 00	53 00	61 80	50 00
Sedalia	Trinity	1 00	4 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00
St. Joseph, Mo	First English	6 00	17 00	91 00	71 00	57 00	57 00
Topeka	First Church	3 00	9 00	44 00	37 00	29 00	29 00
Waterville	Evangelical	2 00	8 00	42 00	36 00	30 00	28 15
Waterville	Hebron	60	1 73	8 70	7 23	6 80	5 80
Waterville	(Walnut Towns'p) English	2 20	7 60	23 00	20 00	7 00	8 85
Whitewater	Zion	1 00	4 00	19 00	43 11	13 00	13 00
Wellington	St. John's	2 50	4 50	30 00	20 00	16 00	18 50
Totals for Year Ending October 16th, 1908		$68 80	$214 54	$1018 15	$826 19	$660 89	$660 53
Balance on hand per ex-Treasurer, October 15th, 1907		.....	53 10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals		$68 80	$267 64	$1018 15	$826 19	$660 89	$660 53
Disbursements		.....	246 83	645 00	172 00	508 90	493 02
Balance on hand October 16th, 1908		$68 80	$20 81	$373 15	$654 19	$151 99	$167 51

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Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Synodical Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Midland College Endowment Fund.	Western Seminary Endowment Fund.	Tabitha Home.	Total.	Apportionment.	Deficit.	Excess.
$14 00	$10 00	$15 00	$20 00	$16 00	$10 00	$20 00	$39 00	$9 00	*$355 00	$310 00	.....	$45 00
13 00	9 23	11 00	18 00	12 00	9 00	28 32	23 33	9 00	317 90	282 00	.....	35 90
5 48	15 01	4 20	.....	4 20	4 20	.....	.....	.....	90 17	120 00	$29 83	.....
2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	46 00	46 00	.....	.....
2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	47 00	47 00	.....	.....
1 00	1 50	75 00	1 28	23	1 95	.....	.....	2 50	28 58	63 00	34 02	.....
2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	.....	3 00	1 00	47 00	47 00	.....	.....
2 00	.....	.....	4 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	56 00	56 00	.....	.....
1 00	.....	10 00	6 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 31	73 00	94 00	21 00	.....
.....	2 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	29 00	69 00	40 00	.....
8 00	5 00	5 00	11 00	9 00	5 00	11 00	8 00	7 00	182 00	171 00	.....	11 00
3 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	122 00	73 00	.....	49 00
3 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	26 70	63 00	36 30	.....
3 00	6 00	.....	50	3 00	2 00	.....	5 00	6 00	55 05	55 00	.....	05
2 00	1 00	5 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	40 00	41 00	.....	5 00
50	50	.....	1 00	50	50	1 00	50	50	14 00	14 00	.....	.....
6 00	4 00	5 00	8 00	6 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	2 00	132 00	127 00	.....	5 00
.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 40	53 83	69 00	15 17	.....
4 10	8 00	10 00	.....	9 00	8 00	.....	.....	3 00	198 10	255 00	56 90	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 50	134 00	103 50	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	157 00	107 00	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	3 00	4 00	53 13	82 00	28 87	.....
.....	.....	.....	3 79	.....	.....	.....	4 10	.....	17 59	69 00	51 41	.....
10 00	8 00	20 00	17 00	13 00	8 00	16 97	12 00	11 00	337 83	261 00	.....	76 83
1 00	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	18 62	.....	.....	18 62
8 00	6 25	10 00	11 00	9 00	6 00	11 00	9 06	2 00	195 28	175 00	.....	20 28
1 50	1 50	.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	6 04	63 54	116 00	52 46	.....
3 00	2 57	.....	6 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	69 17	63 00	.....	6 17
1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	25 03	29 00	3 97	.....
4 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	17 65	116 65	88 00	.....	28 65
.....	3 00	.....	6 00	.....	3 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	79 00	93 00	14 00	.....
12 00	9 00	35 00	17 00	14 00	9 00	17 00	12 00	3 00	343 15	268 00	.....	75 15
5 00	4 00	.....	7 00	6 00	4 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	129 00	115 00	.....	14 00
18 00	12 90	30 00	25 00	7 98	2 14	17 00	18 00	90 27	492 09	396 00	.....	96 09
5 00	3 00	.....	7 00	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	106 00	106 00	.....	.....
10 00	15 25	20 00	29 00	23 00	14 00	29 00	20 00	36 00	505 25	449 00	.....	56 25
10 00	7 00	.....	15 00	12 00	7 00	15 00	10 00	3 00	230 00	230 00	.....	.....
9 00	6 00	.....	13 00	10 00	6 00	13 00	9 00	7 00	219 15	196 00	.....	23 15
2 05	1 45	5 00	2 90	2 20	1 45	2 90	2 05	60	51 50	45 53	.....	5 97
2 00	.....	.....	6 00	3 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 80	94 00	34 20	.....
4 00	3 00	15 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	140 11	98 00	.....	42 11
6 00	5 00	5 00	8 50	6 50	5 00	8 50	6 00	3 00	145 00	120 00	.....	25 00
$93 55	$165 78	$223 20	$279 47	$205 78	$136 24	$261 69	$230 04	$252 27	$5392 12	$5386 53	$633 63	$639 22
.....	.....	128 33	121 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	302 55	.....	.....	.....
$93 55	$165 78	$351 53	$400 59	$205 78	$136 24	$261 69	$230 04	$252 27	$5694 67	$5386 53	.....	.....
150 00	30 00	125 53	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 31	2814 59	.....	.....	.....
$43 55	$135 78	$226 00	$100 59	$205 78	$136 24	$261 69	$230 04	$108.96	$2885 08	.....	.....	.....

* Kansas Synod History, $18.00.

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

PAROCHIAL.

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Fuller Bergstresser	Abilene	Trinity	1	..	2	..	15	1	2	11	2	10	2	4	10	208	260	325	$27000 00	$2000 00	$2647 85	$5477 68	1
A. E. Renn	Atchison	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	5	3	4	18	9	1	..	8	1	165	200	220	7000 00	.....	1501 61	1041 78	2
J. H. Utesch	Beloit	Zion	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	7	6	1	11	2	6	70	133	166	6000 00	.....	648 99	19 50	3
J. Kuhn	Bunker Hill	Mt. Zion	1	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	30	41	49	3300 00	400 00	155 05	265 00	4
		Excelsior	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	40	52	3000 00	.....	235 00	.....	5
John A. Bright	Campus	Campus	1	..	..	..	22	..	1	6	5	..	8	5	2	46	47	52	3550 00	1500 00	400 00	.....	6
		Orion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	7	..	13	33	33	40	.....	.....	300 00	.....	7
H. H. Hall	Chapman	Sherer Memorial	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	8	..	39	39	39	2500 00	300 00	300 00	100 00	8
		Ebenezer	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	2	..	..	..	32	32	32	1500 00	.....	250 00	50 00	9
J. H. Utesch	Delphos	St. John's	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	49	49	.....	.....	166 13	.....	10
E. Bollman	Effingham	First	1	..	1	..	5	2	2	6	1	..	5	..	..	57	..	62	2000 00	.....	526 23	.....	11
G. G. Clark	Emporia	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	15	1	3	2	6	1	4	6	2	119	136	166	15000 00	524 55	1221 00	2100 00	12
Oliver MacWilliams	Eureka	Christ's	1	..	1	..	5	..	2	..	3	..	2	6	..	50	61	71	7500 00	100 00	706 00	175 00	13
.....	Greenleaf, Washington Co.	Trinity	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
		St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
B. F. Pugh	Garnett, Haskell	St. Paul's	1	1	..	..	4	..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	20	30	38	5200 00	1125 00	90 50	22 75	16
		Grace	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8	12	.....	.....	32 00	.....	17
Charles Fisher Wiest	Hays City	Trinity	1	..	2	..	13	..	..	2	9	..	..	4	..	82	119	149	12000 00	405 00	979 53	850 00	18
.....	Hutchinson	Zion	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
.....	James, near Abilene	St. James'	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
James C. Schindel	Kansas City, Mo.	First English	1	..	2	1	34	1	2	12	18	7	18	12	..	189	246	328	75000 00	.....	3799 14	200 00	21
J. M. Cromer	Kansas City, Mo.	Grace	1	1	1	..	6	..	4	..	2	..	4	..	4	100	140	142	10000 00	5500 00	1800 00	1500 00	22
A. B. Shrader	Kansas City, Mo.	Children's Memorial	1	..	..	..	5	1	10	15	..	2	1	6	1	69	120	135	7000 00	.....	1000 00	2000 00	23
R. B. Wolf	Kansas City, Kan.	Trinity	1	..	1	..	9	..	..	5	3	3	7	2	3	62	92	125	10000 00	2250 00	681 36	175 00	24
E. E. Stauffer	Lawrence	English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	15	1	5	16	6	4	13	..	7	168	194	252	12000 00	1500 00	1250 00	600 00	25
Carl Kreuger	Lancaster	St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	42	42	..	.....	.....	268 80	.....	26

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1	1	24	250	$252 40	$73 64	30	$37 00	.....	$4 00	$12 00	$59 00	$49 00	$39 00	$39 00	$20 00	$95 31	$14 00	$10 00	$16 00	$10 00	$4 00	$84 00	$455 31	$8580 84
1	1	28	170	148 00	74 00	35	4 40	$5 00	4 00	11 00	54 00	45 00	36 00	36 00	18 00	92 60	13 00	5 25	12 00	9 00	4 00	206 65	550 50	3093 89
				31 37	17 85		5 00	.....	3 00	3 00	9 44	17 96	6 03	12 33	5 40	.....	5 40	15 01	4 20	4 20	.....	26 20	112 17	780 66
1	12	55	40 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	46 00	466 05
1	12	52	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	47 00	235 00
1	10	50	15 00	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	50	50	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	1 28	.....	50	1 50	.....	1 50	2 50	.....	20 28	420 28
				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50	50	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	45	.....	.....	3 70	303 70
1	10	70	15 00	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	11 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	4 00	.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	56 00	456 00
1	8	35	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	47 00	347 00
1	9	45	16 13	2 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	2 26	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	1 00	2 36	1 00	2 00	.....	3 80	21 42	187 55
1	12	75	15 60	6 00	14	.....	.....	5 00	.....	69 00	18 00	10 00	6 00	12 00	6 10	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	9 31	.....	64 00	590 23
1	19	120	66 12	39 92	37	13 30	.....	2 00	7 00	33 00	27 00	22 00	22 00	11 00	50 46	8 00	5 00	9 00	5 00	7 00	22 00	230 46	3551 46
1	8	70	62 00	48 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	40 00	20 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	30 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	18 00	157 00	1038 00
				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	2 30	2 90	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	7 00	26 70	26 70
				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 50	5 10	5 45	8 00	7 50	50	.....	3 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	6 00	5 00	55 05	55 05
1	4	20	3 50	8 50	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	8 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	51 00	164 25
				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	50	50	50	50	3 50	16 00	48 00
1	12	65	104 00	30 39	32	60 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	24 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	8 00	.....	.....	6 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	2 00	19 00	132 00	1961 53
1	11	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 96	14 46	6 96	7 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 40	1 00	53 83	.....
2	34	323	260 07	52 00	42	105 65	24 00	3 00	10 00	49 00	30 00	33 00	31 00	.....	72 50	4 10	8 00	9 00	8 00	3 00	93 20	353 80	4352 94
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1	9	80	70 55	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	9 15	10 00	7 00	.....	.....	22 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	14 00	82 80	939 16
1	25	211	192 00	99 50	26	8 00	10 00	3 00	20 00	71 00	52 00	33 00	43 00	17 00	60 00	10 00	8 00	13 00	8 00	11 00	43 00	392 00	2242 00
1	7	42	18 75	3 00	9	15 05	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1 30	5 40	4 10	3 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 59	286 39

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....	Minneapolis	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
		St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
F. D. Altman.....	Moray	Evan. Lutheran....	1	..	..	..	14	1	1	3	5	2	3	..	2	112	126	160	$3200 00	.....	$534 00	$218 00	
....	New Cambria....	First.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	7	..	..	78	94	101	4500 00	.....	250 00	400 00	
J. B. Grove	Norcatur.....	St. Mark's.....	1	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	7	1	3	..	7	45	72	87	2500 00	.....	613 50	.....	
		St. Paul's.....									1	..	..	..	..	18	35	55	1200 00	.....	160 00	130 00	
George Beiswanger.....	Oklahoma City...	First.....	1	..	..	..	10	..	2	7	8	..	6	13	6	72	86	115	12000 00	$1200 00	1573 70	1045 55	
C. W. Sifferd.....	Ottawa, Kan.....	St. Paul's	1	1	2	..	17	..	..	1	5	2	3	16	1	78	....	93	12000 00	.....	1190 00	.....	
George S. Murphy.....	Peabody	St. Paul's	1	..	2	..	5	1	2	..	4	10	4	4	..	186	211	232	25000 00	.....	1475 00	19000 00	
J. H. Fetterolf.....	Perth	St. James'	1	..	1	..	14	1	3	10	3	2	2	7	..	70	91	112	3500 00	.....	935 00	.....	
H. A. Ott.....	Salina	St. John's	1	..	2	..	15	6	4	24	35	14	11	17	10	270	330	425	18000 00	.....	1709 70	150 00	
S. Martin Lesher.....	Sedalia, Mo.....	Trinity	1	..	1	..	7	..	4	4	6	2	4	..	..	66	116	181	8000 00	2350 00	644 13	350 00	
Benjamin R. Lantz.	St. Joseph, Mo...	First.....	1	..	1	..	16	2	5	32	18	9	12	9	20	296	340	414	15000 00	3000 00	2529 70	.....	
W. W. Horn	Topeka.....	First.....	1	1	2	..	15	5	11	4	7	10	15	1	7	160	193	234	16000 00	75 00	1680 00	71 00	
H. Dysinger, Supply....	Valley Falls	St. Paul's.....	1	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	2	1	..	2	..	46	73	85	3000 00	1784 00	263 65	142 00	
I. B. Heisey.....	Waterville	Evan. Lutheran....	1	..	2	1	20	..	3	29	2	57	14	6	14	186	237	283	4500 00	.....	608 00	.....	
		Hebron	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	29	45	59	2500 00	.....	450 00	.....	
		English Evan. Luth.	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	7	..	1	6	..	..	60	76	98	2500 00	.....	130 00	.....	
A. M. Reitzel.....	Wellington	St. John's.....	1	..	1	..	5	1	..	4	1	4	2	3	..	79	93	108	5600 00	.....	850 00	100 00	
A. J. Kissell.....	Whitewater.....	Zion	1	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	1	..	3	1	..	65	87	106	3500 00	.....	519 25	32 00	
Totals for 1908.....			44	9	34	2	340	31	96	233	186	155	180	142	116	3592	4367	5452	352050 00	24013 55	34774 82	46215 26	47
Totals for 1907.....			48	5	39	7	329	36	98	186	135	58	170	141	74	3532	4219	5423	345900 00	9626 40	34330 65	12260 05	48
Net increase			..	4	..	..	11	..	..	47	51	97	10	1	42	60	148	29	6150 00	14387 15	444 17	33955 21	49
Net decrease			4	..	5	5	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50

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27	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 00	$1 00	$4 62	$2 00	$2 00	$1 00	$2 00	.....	$1 00	.....	$1 00	$2 00	.....	$1 00	$18 62	.....
28	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	1	10	85	$20 00	$32 14	.....	.....	.....	2 00	7 00	41 71	28 00	22 00	22 00	11 00	$71 35	8 00	$6 25	9 00	6 00	$2 00	485 56	721 87	$1473 87
30	1	16	130	50 00	.....	42	$35 00	.....	3 00	1 50	11 00	10 00	15 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	6 04	.....	55 54	705 54
31	1	14	78	53 20	40 27	27	104 30	$2 00	1 00	2 00	12 60	9 00	8 00	9 00	6 00	.....	3 00	2 57	4 00	3 00	2 00	17 00	79 17	692 67
32	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	5 40	4 03	4 00	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 60	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	25 03	315 03
33	1	13	70	202 72	37 31	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	34 00	14 00	11 00	11 00	6 00	49 30	4 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	7 00	15 00	168 30	2787 55
34	1	19	181	60 00	47 00	40	60 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	17 00	15 00	8 00	12 00	6 00	31 45	.....	3 00	.....	3 00	1 00	10 20	110 65	1300 65
35	1	17	109	167 00	51 00	20	40 00	5 00	3 00	10 00	81 00	73 00	34 00	34 00	17 00	87 75	12 00	14 00	14 00	9 00	3 00	334 00	725 75	21200 75
36	1	13	80	62 00	15 00	40	8 00	10 00	1 00	6 00	32 00	18 00	15 00	15 00	7 00	19 90	5 00	4 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	17 00	152 90	1087 90
37	1	15	170	222 30	84 00	35	43 00	30 00	5 00	25 00	106 00	63 00	61 89	50 00	25 00	75 00	18 00	13 15	8 00	2 14	95 00	161 00	708 18	2567 88
38	1	9	72	73 69	35 00	10	1 05	.....	1 00	4 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	7 00	.....	5 00	3 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	12 00	106 00	1100 13
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Respectfully submitted,

B. R. LANTZ,

J. B. GROVE,

A. M. REITZEL.

APPENDIX C.—Report of Apportionment Committee.

Congregations and Charges.	Membership.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Ministerial Education.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Midland College Endowment Fund.	Western Seminary Endowment Fund.	Tabitha Home.	Total.
Per capita	....	.02	.09	.30	.25	.20	.20	.07	.05	.07	.08	.05	.10	.07	.02	.....
Abilene, Trinity	208	$4 00	$18 00	$62 00	$52 00	$40 00	$40 00	$14 00	$10 00	$14 00	$17 00	$10 00	$21 00	$14 00	$4 00	$320 00
Atchison, St. Mark's	165	3 00	15 00	49 00	41 00	33 00	33 00	11 00	8 00	11 00	13 00	8 00	16 00	11 00	3 00	250 00
Beloit, Zion	70	1 00	6 00	21 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	108 00
Bunker Hill, Mount Zion	30	1 00	3 00	9 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	42 00
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	35	1 00	3 00	10 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	54 00
Campus, Campus	46	1 00	3 00	14 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	69 00
Campus, Orion	33	1 00	3 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	48 00
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	39	1 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	63 00
Chapman, Ebenezer	32	1 00	3 00	9 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	47 00
Delphos, St. John's	20	.....	1 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	28 00
Effingham, First	57	1 00	4 00	17 00	14 00	11 00	11 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	87 00
Emporia, St. Mark's	119	2 00	11 00	36 00	30 00	24 00	24 00	8 00	6 00	8 00	9 00	6 00	12 00	8 00	2 00	176 00
Eureka, Christ	50	1 00	4 00	15 00	12 00	10 00	10 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	2 00	5 00	3 00	1 00	73 00
Greenleaf, Trinity	40	1 00	3 00	6 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	80 00
Greenleaf, St. Paul's	34	1 00	3 00	10 00	8 00	7 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	50 00
Garnett, St. Paul's	20	.....	2 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	29 00
Hays City, Trinity	82	2 00	7 00	24 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	7 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	2 00	128 00
Hutchinson, Zion	38	1 00	3 00	11 00	9 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	61 00
Kansas City, Mo., First	189	3 00	16 00	57 00	47 00	38 00	38 00	13 00	9 00	13 00	15 00	9 00	19 00	13 00	3 00	293 00
Kansas City, Mo., Grace	100	2 00	9 00	30 00	25 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	10 00	7 00	2 00	157 00
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial	69	1 00	6 00	20 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	106 00
Kansas City, Kans., Trinity	62	1 00	5 00	18 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	4 00	2 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	93 00
Lawrence, English	168	3 00	15 00	50 00	42 00	33 00	33 00	12 00	8 00	12 00	13 00	8 00	17 00	12 00	3 00	261 00
Lancaster, St. John's	42	1 00	3 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	61 00
Moray Evangelical Lutheran	112	2 00	10 00	33 00	28 00	22 00	22 00	8 00	6 00	8 00	9 00	6 00	11 00	8 00	2 00	175 00

Report of Apportionment Committee.—*Concluded.*

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Per capita	....	.02	.09	.30	.25	.20	.20	.07	.05	.07	.08	.05	.10	.07	.02	.....
New Cambria, First English	78	$1 00	$6 00	$20 00	$19 00	$16 00	$16 00	$5 00	$4 00	$5 00	$6 00	$4 00	$8 00	$5 00	$1 00	$100 00
Norcatur, St. Mark's	45	1 00	4 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	68 00
Norcatur, St. Paul's	18	.....	2 00	5 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	27 00
Oklahoma City, Okla., First	72	1 00	6 00	21 00	18 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	109 00
Ottawa, St. Paul's	78	1 00	6 00	23 00	19 00	16 00	16 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	8 00	5 00	1 00	119 00
Peabody, St. Paul's	186	3 00	18 00	56 00	46 00	37 00	37 00	13 00	9 00	13 00	15 00	9 00	19 00	13 00	3 00	290 00
Perth, St. James'	70	1 00	6 00	21 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	1 00	107 00
Salina, St. John's	270	5 00	24 00	88 00	67 00	54 00	54 00	19 00	13 00	19 00	21 00	13 00	27 00	19 00	5 00	438 00
Sedalia, Trinity	66	1 00	6 00	20 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	1 00	108 00
St. Joseph, Mo., First English	296	6 00	27 00	83 00	74 00	55 00	55 00	19 00	14 00	19 00	22 00	14 00	29 00	19 00	6 00	442 00
Topeka, First	169	3 00	15 00	48 00	40 00	32 00	32 00	11 00	8 00	11 00	13 00	8 00	16 00	11 00	3 00	251 00
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	46	1 00	4 00	13 00	11 00	9 00	9 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	1 00	68 00
Waterville, Evangelical	186	4 00	17 00	53 00	46 00	35 00	35 00	13 00	9 00	13 00	15 00	9 00	8 00	13 00	4 00	314 00
Waterville, Hebron	29	1 00	3 00	8 00	7 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	45 00
Waterville, English Evangelical Lutheran	60	1 00	5 00	18 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	93 00
Wellington, St. John's	79	1 00	7 00	23 00	20 00	16 00	16 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	8 00	6 00	1 00	124 00
Whitewater, Zion	65	1 00	6 00	19 00	16 00	13 00	13 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	6 00	5 00	1 00	100 00
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Respectfully submitted,

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Northeast Conference.

Atchison	1885
Beloit	1908
East Norway	1881
Effingham	1893
Hanover	1903
Hebron	1879
Kansas City (First Church)	1884
Kansas City (Memorial)	1884
Kansas City, Kan.	1904
Lawrence	1886
Leavenworth	1892
Moray	1881
Ottawa	1885
Sedalia	1907
St. Joseph	1905
Topeka	1880
Waterville	1879

Southwest Conference.

Abilene	1880
Emporia	1885
Eureka	1898
Hutchinson	1889
Minneapolis	1895
New Cambria	1888
Oklahoma City	1903
Peabody	1885
Perth	1894
Salina	1882
Wellington	1889
Whitewater	1902

MINUTES of the TWENTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION of the

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS,

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, PEABODY, KAN.,
October 17-19, 1908.

FIRST SESSION.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod convened at Peabody, Kan., Saturday, October 17th, 1908, at 9 o'clock A. M., in the lecture-room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

The following officers were present:

President—Mrs. H. L. Yarger, Atchison, Kan.

Vice-President Southwest Conference—Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Salina, Kan.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Myser, Emporia, Kan.

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Secretary Thank-offering—Mrs. H. George, Kansas City, Mo.

Secretary Magazine—Mrs. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.

Secretary Home Department—Mrs. H. Runkle, Waterville, Kan.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. W. B. Winzenried, Atchison, Kan.

Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. L. Yarger, who led in prayer.

Address of welcome by Miss Bessie Sutphen, of Peabody.

Response by Mrs. H. W. Foght, of Atchison.

The following delegates presented their credentials at roll-call.

Abilene—Hester W. Humphrey, Mrs. W. H. Barber.

Atchison—Mrs. H. W. Foght, Mrs. W. B. Winzenried.

Beloit—Mrs. A. Raffner.

Emporia—Mrs. A. F. Myser.

Eureka—Mrs. J. B. Weldon.

Hutchinson—Mrs. Alice Rutledge.

Kansas City, Kan.—Mrs. R. Anderson.

Kansas City, Mo. (First)—Mrs. M. L. Earhart, Mrs. H. George.

Lawrence—Mrs. R. L. Hemphill.

Peabody—Miss Myrtle Holler, Mrs. Mayme Tibbens, Miss Mildred Chase.

Perth—Mrs. A. P. Williamson.

Salina—Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Mrs. L. A. Ott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Mrs. J. V. Souder.

Topeka—Mrs. J. E. Gall.

Whitewater—Mrs. H. H. Norris.

Wellington—Mrs. Charles Hangen.

Waterville—Mrs. H. Runkle.

Visitors—Mrs. A. B. Zimmerman, Atchison; Mrs. John Utesch, Beloit; Mrs. John Bright, Campus; Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong, Hutchinson; Mrs. Elizabeth Donmyer, Salina; Mrs. S. B. Myser, Saffordville; Mrs. Sarah Kellar, Topeka; Mrs. A. M. Reitzell, Wellington; Mrs. M. A. Acker, Whitewater; Mrs. M. L. Errickson, Mrs. Will Dolph, Wichita; Mrs. John Holzhay, Moray.

President's Report.

DEAR SISTERS:

Again, under the care of our loving heavenly Father, we are met in our annual convention to report on and discuss the great work of our Master's kingdom.

With each passing year the responsibility that rests upon the Church seems to grow heavier; the great burden of the unsaved grows weightier, and we feel we *must* do more and more to speed the gospel into all lands. St. Paul says we are indebted to all men. We have something they do not have—a something so precious and great that the joy of its possession is unspeakable.

"Salvation, oh, the joyful sound!
'Tis music in our ears,
A sov'reign balm for every wound,
A cordial for our fears.

"Salvation, oh, thou bleeding Lamb!
To Thee the praise belongs,
Our hearts shall kindle at Thy name,
Thy name inspire our songs."

How pitiable the condition of those who know not the precious name of Jesus. And especially how sad is the condition of woman in the lands where our Saviour is not known. Is it not strange that when we realize what the

gospel has done for woman that so many of our sisters in the Church should remain indifferent to the loud call that comes to all to work for the benefit of those yet in darkness. But at the very name missions or missionary society some shrug their shoulders and turn away as if it were something to be avoided.

How can anyone enjoy the blessing of God and know there are so many millions yet in degradation and without hope of life eternal? Are we in the true Church of Christ if we are not trying to give the gospel to those who do not have it? And why should anyone hesitate to engage in this blessed work? Have not the greatest men and women for centuries given their time and thought and means to it? What enterprise in the world to-day is doing so much for mankind? It is the most gigantic work in the world, employing more men and more agencies and influencing more lives than any other enterprise to-day.

The world is beginning to see that it owes something to this work. As the whole human family is linked together by telegraph and other means of communication, the world is learning more and more that only where the gospel is known are the people happy and prosperous.

The value of mission work to mankind is being studied, and the missionaries are getting more and more their just dues. Mr. Ellis, who was sent to investigate and report on the real results of mission work in foreign countries, has given such unqualified endorsement of it that many critics have been silenced. Formerly every disturbance in foreign countries was blamed on the missionaries. But not so now. We have, to-day, the unique spectacle of two candidates for the highest office in our land vieing with each other in lauding the work of the missionaries in foreign lands. Viewed from a worldly standpoint the world owes much to missions.

The missionaries have gone to the continents and the islands of the sea and have opened the way for commerce. They have traversed unknown lands, and have left geographies and scientific notes of great value—as Livingston and Moffat in Africa, and Henry Martyn in Persia.

Who have taken the art of healing to the nations, and through Christian hospitals brought health to many bodies? The missionaries of the cross. Who have established schools and colleges for the education of these ignorant nations? The missionaries of the cross. But above and beyond all this, who can fully portray the benefit that has come to the souls of the millions rejoicing on earth and in heaven to-day as the result of missionary labors? And the great Lutheran Church has played no little part in this great work—Ziegenbalg, Schwartz, Hans Egede—what illustrious names in the missionary world! Nor is our Church lacking to-day in its number of faithful and efficient missionaries.

To be true to the history and traditions of our Church we must be missionary in spirit. And I feel sure the women of the Church will continue as worthy successors to those gone before in cherishing this spirit in the Church

The last year has witnessed decided activity in our mission work at home and abroad. Three young missionaries have lately sailed for India, among them a brother and sister, who have consecrated their lives to their Master, and three new missionaries have also gone to our field in Africa.

In the home field two new missions have been added to the list during the year, making a total of thirty-three missions now assisted by our women. While the General Secretary reports larger giving than ever, there are still deficits in the pledges of $2,000.00 each to South Omaha and Long Beach. Have all of us done our share?

The magazine, *Lutheran Woman's Work*, which has met with success far beyond expectations, has had almost a year of existence, and has proved to be the one thing needed to develop and unify our work. It has given inspiration and impetus to all lines of our mission work. It has kept us informed as we have never been before—for it is a veritable storehouse of good things, the knowledge of which keeps us active, alert and zealous in the service whereunto we are called.

We present the report of our own Synodical work with both joy and sorrow; glad for what has been accomplished by our women, but regret more has not been done to advance mission study amongst our young people and children.

I do not wish to encroach upon the reports of the various officers and secretaries, but it is gratifying to note some of the encouraging features of the year's work. We notice an increase of $20.85 in the Thank-offering this year over that of last year, and we are pleased to see also an increase of $31.65 in the Christmas offering.

While these increases in the special offerings are encouraging, we regret there was not larger giving for the General Fund, from which the larger part of all the expenses of both Home and Foreign work are taken. Inasmuch as in the last two years $500.00 each year was raised for the endowment of a bed in the India Hospital, it shows we have not reached the limit of our giving this year.

However, through the efforts of our Box-work Committee, a splendid box was prepared and sent to our missionaries in Africa, all of which came from special contributions.

While all we desired in our financial endeavors was not realized, we are happy to report three new organizations and the promise of one in December.

We feel that much of the gain in this direction is due to the very efficient service of our Field Secretary, Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, who worked so arduously during the warm month of June throughout our Synod.

We are made to rejoice over the organization of a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Beloit, Kan., on August 9th, with 18 charter members. We heartily welcome these dear sisters into our ranks, and believe they will soon grow into a strong organization under the leadership of their earnest pastor and wife.

On June 27th, the Mission Band of Peabody was reorganized, reporting

18 members. Mrs. S. L. Tibbens is Superintendent. We are pleased to enroll this society again, wishing them God-speed and praying their example may be followed by others.

It was with pleasure we received word a week ago that the Altar Guild, of St. Joseph, had become a Helpers' Circle. They report much interest in the Mission Study, and also a pledge of $5.00 to missions. They are under the direction of Miss Nora Nelson.

It is our earnest wish that more of our young people will be induced to adopt the Helpers' Circle plan and become better informed on the subject of missions.

Bunker Hill reports that they will become a full-fledged missionary society in December. The women of that congregation gave liberally towards the Box-work and other objects this year. In former years, in the early days of our Synodical work, a society existed in Bunker Hill, and we are gratified to know they will resume work there.

Though it has been "line upon line" and "precept upon precept," and as a result our work is better organized every year, in order that the coming year may witness greater things, the following suggestions are offered:

1. In behalf of the General Fund, Thank-offering and Christmas offering, we ask your continued generosity.

2. That we be liberal in giving to the special objects placed before us by the Executive Committee. While there is nothing compulsory in our giving, the Executive Committee pledge certain amounts, feeling sure the women are interested enough to respond to their appeals.

3. That efforts be made to organize Mission Study Classes in connection with our Luther League and Christian Endeavor Societies.

4. That prayerful and loyal support be given our magazine, and that we do all we can to give every woman in our Church an opportunity to become a subscriber.

5. That in appreciation of the service rendered us by Mrs. Helen C. Beegle, we tender her a rising vote of thanks, and the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to her acquainting her of the fact.

RECOMMENDATION.

We would recommend that the Kansas Synodical Society memorialize the General Society to adopt the system as used by the General Synod of paying the traveling expenses of the duly-elected delegates of the several Synodical Societies to General Convention, the same being taken out of its own treasury from a fund established for that purpose.

Let us take courage from what has been accomplished in the past year, and in faith, prayer and sacrifice go forward expecting greater results for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED H. YARGER.

Annual Report of Corresponding Secretary for the Year Ending September 30, 1908.

	Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total, not including Life Membership.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Lutheran Woman's Work.	The King's Message.	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Time of Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Presidents.
1	Abilene	1880	Mrs. D. B. Binder	34	34	..	..	1	27	....	1	$14 91	2d Tuesday	20	Mrs. O. J. Peters.
2	Atchison	1885	Mrs. F. D. Altman	33	24	9	..	2	23	30	1	16 10	1st Thursday	15	Mrs. M. F. Troxell.
3	Beloit *	1908	Mrs. J. W. Hodler, R. F. D. No. 2	16	16	..	..	..	....	....	..	.....	2d Saturday	16	Mrs. J. H. Utesch.
4	Emporia	1885	Mrs. A. F. Myser	10	7	3	..	..	11	15	..	.....	1st Wednesday	4	Mrs. S. Altman.
5	Eureka	1898	Mrs. Virgie Weldon	12	12	..	..	..	9	....	1	.....	1st and 3d Friday	5	Mrs. Mary Cutinger.
6	Hanover	1903	Miss Mary Runge	25	25	..	..	..	5	....	..	.....	2d Thursday	12	Mrs. Mary Pembaker.
7	Hebron	1879	Mrs. Annie L. Hirt, R. F. D. No. 1	9	7	2	..	..	10	....	1	11 17	1st Thursday	3	Mrs. Sarah J. Kistler.
8	Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Julia Little, 319 8th Ave., East	10	10	..	..	1	15	....	..	.....	1st Friday	6	Mrs. Jennie Armstrong.
9	Kansas City, Mo. (First)	1884	Mrs. Hiram George, 232 E. 30th St	22	22	..	..	1	22	....	1	11 85	2d Wednesday	10	Mrs. Laura Schindel.
10	Kansas City, Kan. (Trinity)	1904	Mrs. C. J. Gebhaur, 1010 Sandusky Ave.	12	9	3	..	..	8	....	..	.....	1st Friday	6	Mrs. R. B. Wolf.
11	Lawrence	1886	Mrs. Phynettie Lamb, 1740 Mass. St	30	27	3	..	..	19	35	1	10 00	1st Thursday	26	Mrs. Emma Ziesenis.
12	Moray	1881	Miss Mary C. Turkleson	20	20	..	..	..	17	....	..	.....	1st Wednesday	10	Mrs. Oscar Nelson.
13	Ottawa	1885	Mrs. B. F. Pugh, 414 Ash St	12	9	3	..	..	10	....	1	.....	1st Tuesday	9	Mrs. C. W. Sifferd.
14	Oklahoma City, Okla	1903	Mrs. A. Goodholm	6	6	..	..	..	13	....	..	.....	1st Thursday	6	Mrs. George Beiswanger.
15	Peabody	1885	Mrs. Hattie Brown	31	31	..	..	..	42	33	..	.....	1st Thursday	12	Mrs. E. R. Worthington.
16	Perth	1889	Miss Anna Jacobs	17	16	1	..	..	8	....	..	.....	2d Thursday	8	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf.
17	Salina	1882	Mrs. M. A. Nothstein	16	16	..	..	3	24	....	1	20 00	1st Friday	12	Mrs. Alice G. Bond.
18	St. Joseph, Mo.	1905	Mrs. B. R. Lantz, 1018 Henry St.	19	11	8	..	..	19	15	..	.....	1st Wednesday	7	Mrs. G. W. Bell.
19	Topeka	1882	Mrs. J. G. Kerr, 700 Polk St	23	23	..	..	..	49	20	1	.....	2d Wednesday	16	Mrs. J. B. Wherfel.
20	Waterville	1879	Mrs. Emily M. Rice	20	15	5	..	..	10	....	..	.....	2d Thursday	7	Mrs. Lula J. Burtis.
21	Whitewater	1889	Mrs. J. F. Beans	10	10	..	..	..	13	....	..	.....	2d Saturday	6	Mrs. M. A. Acker.
22	Wellington	1906	Mrs. Charles Hangen	9	9	..	..	..	9	....	..	.....	1st Wednesday	7	Mrs. A. M. Reitzel.
	Young People's Societies.														
1	Atchison	1902	Miss Josephine Livers (College)	12	12	..	..	..	1	....	..	.....	1st Sunday	10	Miss L. C. Christenson.
	Children's Bands.														
1	Lawrence	1887	Mrs. E. E. Stauffer	50	45	..	5	..	....	35	1	3 15	2d Sunday	32	Miss Frances Penchard.
2	Emporia †	1894	Miss Clara Altman, President	53	38	..	15	..	....	10	..	.....	2d Sunday	..	..
3	St. Joseph, Mo.	1905	Miss C. C. Schmidt, 2734 Lafayette St	35	35	..	..	..	....	15	..	.....	Last Saturday	11	Miss Carrinee Neafie.
4	Perth	1905	Miss Nona Simon	28	26	2	..	..	....	....	..	.....	1st Saturday	10	Miss Bessie Flick.
5	Peabody	1908	Mrs. S. I. Tibbins	24	24	..	..	..	....	....	..	.....	..	..	..

* August 8.

† Report of March, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. FULLER BERGSTRESSER, *Synodical Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Treasurer of W. H. and F. M. Society of Kansas Synod for Year Ending October 1, 1908.

Names of Societies.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Thank-Offering.	Girls' School in India.	Emma V. Day Memorial School.	Christmas Offering.	South Omaha.	Long Beach.	Miss Garrett, Africa.	Miss Goodman, Africa.	Synodical Fund.	India Nursery.	Endowment Fund, India Hospital.	Total.
Abilene	$35 70	.....	$19 00	.....	$2 00	$4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$6 10	.....	.....	$66 80
Atchison	33 80	.....	15 50	$1 00	.....	6 85	.....	$2 00	.....	.....	5 20	$1 00	.....	67 60
Atchison Young Ladies'	5 10	.....	1 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 80
Bunker Hill	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75
Emporia	9 75	.....	21 65	.....	.....	2 85	$1 00	2 25	.....	.....	1 20	1 75	.....	40 45
Emporia Mission Band	6 30	.....	2 35	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	$1 00	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	11 25
Eureka	7 30	.....	13 85	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	24 95
Hanover	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	12 00
Hutchinson	10 80	.....	13 55	.....	.....	3 90	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	32 75
Kansas City, Mo., First	17 80	.....	13 07	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 30	.....	.....	33 19
Kansas City, Kans.	13 85	.....	7 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	22 87
Lawrence	28 60	.....	10 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 90	.....	.....	42 80
Lawrence Mission Band	11 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	21 56
Leavenworth	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Moray	24 00	.....	7 35	.....	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	4 00	5 60	.....	65 35
Ottawa	12 90	.....	10 00	.....	1 10	1 75	70	.....	.....	.....	1 30	80	.....	28 55
Oklahoma City	13 80	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	1 80	1 80	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	34 30
Perth	9 25	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	17 90
Perth Mission Band	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Peabody	39 85	.....	6 95	.....	.....	11 30	4 60	.....	.....	.....	7 20	6 85	.....	76 75
Salina	19 20	.....	18 46	.....	.....	2 10	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	3 20	2 00	.....	51 46
Salina Young People	11 10	.....	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 40
Topeka	28 20	.....	10 00	.....	3 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	54 20
St. Joseph	14 30	.....	24 30	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 60
St Joseph Mission Band	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Waterville	19 25	.....	10 00	1 00	75	5 00	1 25	1 25	.....	.....	1 95	.....	.....	47 70
Waterville, Hebron	11 10	.....	4 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	20 50
Whitewater	6 45	.....	8 52	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	20 47
Convention of 1907	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 38	.....	.....	22 38
Receipts for the year	$414 71	$10 00	$247 07	$4 00	$14 60	$62 35	$29 50	$17 80	$1 00	$1 00	$69 93	$31 65	.....	$903 61
Balance from last year	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 45	.....	$1071 15	1101 10
Total to be accounted for	$419 71	$10 00	$249 57	$4 00	$14 60	$62 35	$29 50	$17 80	$1 00	$1 00	$92 38	$31 65	$1071 15	$2004 71
Remitted or expended	409 01	10 00	249 87	4 00	13 95	61 75	29 50	16 80	1 00	1 00	48 00	32 90	1035 58	1913 36
Balance in treasury	$10 70	.....	*$0 30	.....	$0 65	$0 60	.....	$1 00	.....	.....	$44 38	*$1 25	.....	$91 35

* Overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. I. B. HEISEY, *Treasurer.*

Moved and carried that these two reports be accepted and referred to the proper committee.

Report of Vice-President of Southwest Conference.

There is not much to report from the Southwest District as having been accomplished, yet considerable work has been done in the endeavor to arouse greater interest in mission work.

In May a meeting of the pastors of the Conference was held in the Oklahoma City Church, the Rev. George Beiswanger, pastor. A pressing invitation was extended to the Woman's Missionary Society to be represented at that Conference and occupy the time of an afternoon and evening. This invitation was accepted and programs arranged accordingly. But, owing to the great distance to be traveled, sickness and other causes, many of the ladies who had planned to go to the meeting were unable to do so. There was, therefore, only an afternoon meeting held. Those who attended report an interesting meeting.

Two papers were read and discussed. "Our Successors," a paper on children's work, and one relating to the use of our literature and Mission Study classes, entitled, "Fuel for Missionary Fires."

Correspondence has been had with the Bunker Hill charge in reference to establishing a missionary society there. While no society can be reported at that point at present, yet there is every encouragement to believe that the near future holds in store for us an organization at Bunker Hill.

Respectfully submitted, ALICE G. BOND.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Historian's Report.

With thanks to our heavenly Father we are again permitted to assemble in this, the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Kansas Synodical Society. With a grateful heart we desire to give expression of sincere gratitude to our heavenly Father for the blessings we have received.

The labors of His servants have been crowned with signal success. The story of the year will soon be told and the last chapter ended.

The following have been added to the historical collection: Minutes of the previous convention held at Ottawa; autograph number of our *Lutheran Woman's Work*, also the entire set of the magazines up to date, donated by your Historian; programs of our own and other conventions; missionary intelligence added to Scrap Book.

Miss Annie R. Leidigh was made a life member by Kansas Synodical Society for 1907. No other new life members reported. The number all told is thirteen.

The General Historian requested me to ascertain, as near as possible, if the "May Memorial" was observed. In reply to cards sent out only seven

societies reported as observing the day and making a special offering. As the death roll grows in number, for grow it will, let us grow in spirit and in good gifts, holding the faithful in remembrance.

IN MEMORIAM.

At Salina, Kan., April 1st, 1908, Mrs. Julia Gephart, aged sixty-four years, a charter member of the missionary society and deeply interested in all departments of church work.

At Hutchinson, Kan., September 23d, 1908, Mrs. W. H. Heberly, a faithful member of the missionary society.

With deep sorrow and regret we record these deaths. We tender to the families of these dear departed sisters our loving sympathy, and pray that our heavenly Father may keep, guide and comfort them in their bereavement.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Final Report of Trustee of India Bed Fund.

At the meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention, held in Ottawa, 1907, after the report on the Bed Fund was made it was decided that the surplus fund ($49.07) be placed in my hands, and a reasonable sum be used in placing a tablet over the bed in the India Hospital. After some correspondence with different parties, the order was given to the Crowl Company, of Baltimore, Md. Tablet to be of bronze on wood, suitable to the India climate, four by ten inches. Inscription, "Endowed by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod, United States of America, 1907."

Balance on hand		$49 07
Tablet for bed	$11 00	
Shipping	2 50	
Total		13 50
Balance sent to Treasurer		$35 57

Also receipt for $1,000.00 sent to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, ANNIE R. LEIDIGH.

On motion, report accepted.

The President appointed the following reporters and committees:

Lutheran World—Mrs. R. B. Wolf.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. O. J. Peters.

Lutheran Evangelist—Mrs. J. B. Weldon.

Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. H. Runkle.

Committees:

Officers' Reports—Mrs. H. Runkle, Mrs. W. H. Barber, Mrs. H. W. Foght.

Minutes—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. J. B. Gall, Mrs. H. H. Norris.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. F. Bergstresser, Mrs. J. B. Weldon, Mrs. Alice Rutledge.

Department Secretaries' Reports—Mrs. W. B. Winzenried, Mrs. M. L. Earhart, Mrs. R. Anderson.

Literature and Box-Work—Mrs. R. B. Wolf, Miss Myrtle Holler, Mrs. A. P. Williamson.

Resolutions—Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Mrs. Kate Servis, Mrs. J. V. Souder, Mrs. Mayme Tibbens.

Moved and carried we adjourn at 11.30 A. M.

Hymn, "Break Thou the bread of life."

Adjourned, with society benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

1.30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. E. R. Worthington, of Peabody, Kan.

After prayer by Mrs. R. B. Wolf, the roll was called.

President appointed Mrs. H. George and Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong the Committee on Bills.

Report of Thank-Offering Secretary.

Our gathering in Synodical convention to-day means to us the summing up of last year's work, to count the debits and credits of sacrifice and love, to estimate our profit and loss.

Another year of patient toil,
A few sheaves from the rocky soil,
May seem not much to thee;
But all the work is with the Lord,
And thine exceeding great reward
Thy God Himself shall be.

The Thank-offering work the past year has been most encouraging. More

literature has been distributed and more people have been reached than during any previous year. This, with the earnest prayers of our sisters, cannot help but bring the best of results. But in many ways we can improve.

We first can do just a little more *individually*. After all, it is personal work that counts. The success of the Thank-offering Department depends more largely than we think upon each one of us in her personal service and sacrifice. It is for us to remember that this is the one of many departments which lays emphasis upon this kind of service, the aggregate of which means so much to the general missionary work of the Church. God's commission and blessing are first to the individual.

Your Secretary has kept in touch with most of our societies, and the reports are in every way an improvement over those of last year. This improvement is in a large measure due to the public Thank-offering service. We must give greater publicity to our Thank-offering spirit and work. The Thank-offering report blank prepared by our General Secretary secures not only a uniform report, but will aid in putting the society in motion for a *public* service. By all means, let us urge and encourage the *public* Thank-offering service.

Then, too, our literature is more helpful than in former years. The little leaflet, "Thank-offering, Questions and Answers," prepared by Mrs. Bond, is a timely and effective aid. It deserves a careful study and a wide circulation. Your Secretary sent a large number of these to our societies and to the pastors in whose parishes there is no Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. These were accompanied with a letter requesting the holding of a public Thank-offering service and the advice to report programs to your Secretary and forward moneys to our Treasurer. Of our 22 societies, 4 did not answer our communications, and but one reported no Thank-offering service. Offerings reported, $203.11. This year St. Joseph takes the lead with an offering of $22.60. Emporia is next, with $21.65. Indeed, all have done exceedingly well, and with the evident growing interest, next year will be the best of all.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED.

Thank-offering, Questions and Answers	250
Tracts	50
Invitation letters	75
Leaflets, "Wanted"	40
Thank-offering order sheets	25
Thank-offering report blanks	40
Cards, invitation	40
Letters written	85
Post-cards sent	25
Letters received	25
Post-cards received	10

MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED.

Last year's balance	$0 46	
Received from Treasurer	5 00	
		$5 46

Postage	$1 80	
Literature	1 20	
Stationery	40	
Post-cards	25	
		$3 65
Balance on hand		$1 81

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. GEORGE.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Home Department Secretary.

One year with its sunshine and shadows has passed since we last met in annual convention. Only yesterday it seems since that beautiful October day, in the city of Ottawa, when fond farewells were spoken and life-long friendships were pledged, and yet a year of life and opportunity has passed into eternity, and we are again assembled in convention to recount our successes or failures. In the work, Madam President, which you gave me, I feel that I have failed to accomplish anything. Perhaps not wholly through my own fault, for I have tried to accomplish something along the line of Home Department work. In the beginning of the year I wrote to each auxiliary enclosing a leaflet describing the work and have received only four replies, and not a single favorable one. Our Waterville society tried the plan, but find that, while the ones to whom we gave the work like the literature and the plan, it fails to interest them enough to inquire any further to ask to become active members of the missionary society.

For some reason this work does not appeal to Kansas women. Is it because we are not able as a society to keep up an interest in so many organizations and rather have fewer organizations which may be stronger in support and appreciation? And another reason may be that the workers (I say workers, for all members are not workers) are so few. So many women have not the time to give to help this work along and properly superintend it, and consequently it may be our fault as a missionary society.

I am sure it is a grand thing to be able to keep up the study of the beautiful lessons in our own homes, when, for various reasons, we are unable to attend the regular monthly meetings. Whatever the reason, I have not been able to find it. Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me in this appointment, I lay it down for more competent hands, hoping more will be accomplished in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. HIRAM RUNKLE.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

But very little has been accomplished in these departments this past year. A Mission Band has been organized at Peabody. A Helpers' Circle of fifteen

members at Emporia have pledged themselves to support *one* or *more* natives. Also a very promising report of a Mission Band at Oklahoma City.

Will you pray earnestly for these departments, that God may bless the efforts in their behalf?

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. V. CAGNEY.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Secretary of German Department.

To all of you a very hearty greeting!

It would certainly give me very great pleasure if I could be personally present at the convention and respond verbally with the little I have to say when the German Secretary is called upon to give a report of the year's work, but circumstances forbid this and so I will try to convey it to you by this means.

For the first time since the society honored me with this trust, I am happy to say that I can bring you something more than excuses and elaborate explanations. And yet the credit does not belong to me.

From the beginning I have directed my energies towards the German Nebraska Synod, for the reason that all the German congregations on this territory are in that Synod. However, my work bore no direct proof, yet I have kept on sowing the seed as best I could.

When Mrs. Beegle, Field Secretary, visited these Western States last year, she stopped in a number of the German congregations and was able to organize one society; this in Hooper, Neb. If you will allow me to say it, in addition to the hearty co-operation of the pastor, in this congregation she found among its members, several former Midland students, which fact proved helpful. One of these students became President of the little society.

Now, that this lone little new society might not become discouraged, Mrs. Beegle asked the Hanover, Kan., Society to join with it, to form a nucleus around which the work might grow in the future. A Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer were appointed to represent the newly-formed Synodical society, by the Executive Committee, and so far the work has been progressing very nicely. They are prompt in sending their quarterly remittances and seem in every way interested.

I had the pleasure of visiting at Hooper during the past summer, and was delighted with the enthusiasm of the members of this society. In their meetings they follow the programs as outlined in the *Lutheran Woman's Work*, using the books which treat of the lessons for the year. They find the work altogether very interesting and beneficial. One lady remarked to me that she had in all her previous life not heard and learned as much about mission work as she had gleaned in the short time that she had been a member of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and that she would not be willing to give it up now, after one year's trial, for anything.

With this beginning, the future looks to me brighter than ever before.

I believe I did not mention that, at the suggestion of one of the German pastors, I was appointed Treasurer of the new Synodical society, and I only want to add, that I think this goes hand in hand very well with the work of the German Secretary, because it furnishes a personal touch which enables me to act with some more assurance than formerly.

Wishing you God's blessing and guidance in all your deliberations,

I am, yours very sincerely in the work,

MRS. CARL KRUEGER.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Magazine Secretary.

If this can be called a department of the society it is the youngest of them all and was brought into being by peculiar circumstances. The Secretary was appointed by the Business Manager of the magazine, Mrs. Krechting, and upon her, or upon the General Executive Committee, I suppose, rests the decision as to whether or not this department will be continued.

The work of the Secretary has not been altogether successful, as she has received only partial reports each time in answer to the three circular letters sent out. Topeka reports the largest number of subscribers, 49, while Peabody is a close second with 42. As nearly as can be estimated the total number of subscribers in the Kansas Synodical society is 407, including free copies. This is 120 more than were first reported to this department, and 81 more than reported by the Corresponding Secretary in September, showing that our Lutheran women have responded to our successive appeals. The aim of those in charge of the magazine is to place it in every Lutheran home, and we are not to cease our efforts until this highly desirable end has been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. R. B. WOLF.

Accepted and referred to committee.

President appointed Mrs. L. A. Ott to convey greetings to Synod.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Report of Literature Committee.

October 1st, 1907, to November 7th, 1907.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

By Balance	$1 12
Convention Literature	11 38
Tracts (eight societies)	2 00
Orders from Mrs. George	3 19
Tracts	15
Total	$17 95

Disbursements.

To General Literature Committee	$2 98	
To post-office order and stamps	44	
October Tracts	22	
To General Literature Committee (Convention)	14 01	
Total		17 65
Balance on hand		$0 29

Respectfully submitted, MRS. O. J. PETERS.

November 7th, 1907, to October 1st, 1908.

Receipts.

By balance from Mrs. Peters	$0 29
By Appropriation	3 00
For 9 Tracts at 25 cents	2 25
For 7 "Gloria Christi"	2 55
For 1 "Lux Christi"	50
For 13 "Citizens of To-morrow"	4 55
For 1 "Coming Americans"	30
For 1 "Nearer and Farther East"	50
For 3 "How to Use," at 10 cents	30
For 1 Report Pittsburg Young People's Missionary Meeting	1 00
For Odd Tracts	20
For Chautauqua Literature postage	28
For Extra Postage for Tracts and Books	52
Total	$16 24

Disbursements.

To postage on letters and cards	$0 33
To Chautauqua Literature	28
To postage on tracts for 11 months	2 39
To General Literature Committee	
October, November and December—Tracts	84
December and January—Tracts, etc	1 83
January, February and March	1 16
April, May and June	75
Special book orders, etc	7 22
July order	1 00
Total	$15 80

Total receipts for the year—Mrs. Peters	$17 95
Mrs. Ott (less the 29 cents balance)	15 95
Total	$33 95
Balance on hand	$0 45

Total disbursements—Mrs. Peters		$17 65
	Mrs. Ott	15 80
Total		$33 45

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LYDIA A. OTT,
MRS. J. E. MILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee having examined the books of the Treasurer, find them well kept and correct in detail.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. P. BURTIS,
MRS. H. RUNKLE.

Report accepted.

Report of Box-Work Committee.

In accordance with the action taken at the Ottawa convention, box-work has been resumed this year, and a good and valuable box has been sent to Baltimore, the headquarters of our Foreign Box-work Committee, destined for our mission in Muhlenberg, Africa. The boxes packed for this field with the intent of having them reach Muhlenberg in time for the Christmas season must be shipped from Baltimore not later than October 1st. This necessitated somewhat different arrangements from any that have previously obtained in our Synodical box-work, and deprives this convention of the pleasure of seeing the contents of the box and participating in the exercise heretofore associated with this feature of Christian mercy which the Kansas Synodical Society practices.

The chairman of your committee, appointed to attend the details of this effort, issued a circular letter in June, in each of which was enclosed a leaflet secured from the General Chairman, Mr. Hanzsche, giving a detailed statement of what was needed, and requesting that all goods and money be sent to the chairman of your committee at Salina early in August. The societies were given entire liberty as to the quantity of material and amount of money they should donate. Two special requests, however, were presented. One was that a cash contribution should accompany the offering of goods; the other that each society should include a special gift for one of the missionaries laboring in our mission in Africa, including the gentlemen. The sum of money desired to be raised was $75.00. How near we came to achieving that result the report following will reveal.

The interest manifested in this, the first Synodical box that this society has packed for the Foreign field, was very gratifying and commendable. With a few exceptions all societies participated in the work of filling this box and contributing to the cash fund. This was a case where a good deed was not spoiled by ungraciousness or reluctance. I believe it was a willing, cheerful offering of love.

As chairman of the committee, I want to express my appreciation of this fact, and add that I truly believe that such giving is thrice blessed. To Dr. and Mrs. Ott I am indebted for much kindly help in assisting to care for the bundles as they arrived, and also in final packing of the goods. Dr. Ott exhibited his skill and handiwork in the excellence of the labor he performed in making the box safe and secure for its long journey.

After all the goods had been collected, it seemed too bad not to have a public exhibition of them; therefore, with the hearty co-operation of Dr. and Mrs. Ott, arrangements were made for such a service.

This was held on Sunday evening September 6th. The pastor preached on the subject of missions, after which the chairman called the roll of societies, and different members of Salina Society responded and exhibited the goods. With a prayer for God's blessing upon this work and upon our missionaries in Africa, the audience was dismissed. The following day the box was sent on its way.

Value of articles in box sent to Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas		$78 06
Cash		86 87
Total value		$164 93
By freight to Baltimore	$4 75	
Oil cloth	72	
		5 47
Cash forwarded		81 40
Total		$86 87

Respectfully submitted, MRS. ALICE G. BOND.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Vocal solo by Dr. Cressler, of Peabody.

On motion, society adjourned for Confessional Service.

After this service the society resumed its work.

Our work in questions and answers:

1. "What is our apportionment for a special object, if the General Society asks for $2,000.00?" by Mrs. H. W. Foght, of Atchison.

2. "Are missionaries paid when on a furlough?" by Mrs. J. E. Gall, of Topeka.

3. "How can we promote interest in our work?" by Mrs. J. B. Weldon, of Eureka.

4. "To what extent shall we employ the social in our work?" by Mrs. M. V. Cagney, of Emporia.

A paper on "Fuel for Missionary Fires," was read by Mrs. Alice G. Bond, of Salina.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. C. Schindel.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 7.30 P. M.

Session was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mrs. H. L. Yarger presiding.

Liturgical service was conducted by Rev. R. B. Wolf, of Kansas City, Kan.

Scripture reading by Rev. J. B. Grove, of Norcatur, Kan.

Anthem by the choir.

Prayer by Rev. George Beiswanger, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vocal solo, Miss Edna Bragunier, Peabody, Kan.

Sang Hymn No. 89, Book of Worship.

Address, Rev. E. C. Harris, Chirala, India.

Music—Trio, Dr. Cressler, Miss Rolph and Miss Kieler.

The offering of the evening was then received, which amounted to $18.00.

Sang Hymn No. 355.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Grove.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Alice Rutledge, of Hutchinson.

After prayer by Mrs. Alice G. Bond, of Salina, roll was called.

Minutes of first and second sessions, and of the anniversary meeting, were read and approved.

Sang Hymn No. 89.

A motion was made and carried, that the society send flowers to our sister, Mrs. George S. Murphy, expressing our sympathy. President appointed Mrs. O. J. Peters and Mrs. M. L. Earhart the committee.

"The Unutilized Forces in Our Churches—What to Do with Them," by Mrs. M. L. Earhart, Kansas City, Mo.

A short talk was given Mrs. H. F. Badaro, of Bethlehem, a missionary.

Greetings from the Deaconess Home by Rev. Charles E. Hay, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Greetings from the Home Mission Board by Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Lincoln, Neb.

Greetings from Board of Church Extension by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kan.

Reports from the woman's missionaries in our own Synod, by Rev. R. B. Wolf, of Kansas City, Kan., and Rev. George Beiswanger, of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Hester W. Humphrey, Abilene, Kan.

Vice-President Northeast Conference—Mrs. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.

Vice-President Southwest Conference—Mrs. E. R. Worthington, Peabody, Kan.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Winzenried, Atchison, Kan.

Motion carried, that we adjourn and finish election after dinner.

Adjourned meeting. Election resumed.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Jennie R. Armstrong, of Hutchinson, Kan.

Treasurer—Mrs. I. B. Heisey, of Waterville, Kan.

Delegate to General Convention—Mrs. L. A. Ott.

Alternate—Mrs. H. L. Yarger.

FOURTH SESSION.

1.30 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. H. H. Norris, of Whitewater, Kan.

After roll-call minutes were read and approved.

Sang "Work, for the night is coming."

Reports of Committees.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined the minutes of our last convention and find them correct. On page 89 of the minutes we find these recommendations, and adopted on page 107:

1. That an effort be made to increase our offering to the General Fund. Has this been done? Yes.

2. That we make a special effort for a liberal thank-offering. Has this been done? Yes.

3. That a thorough canvass be made for subscriptions to *Lutheran Woman's Work*. Has this been done? In part.

4. That we give a generous Christmas offering. Has this been done? In part.

5. That you do all you can to encourage the Department Secretaries. Has this been done? No.

6. That a special effort be made to organize Mission Bands. Has this been done? In part.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. OLIVE J. PETERS,
MRS. J. E. GALL,
MRS. EDITH NORRIS.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President in her report sets forth the work of the year in a clear and concise manner, and is very encouraging. The following suggestions were made:

1. The continuing of generosity in behalf of the General Fund, Thank-offering and Christmas Offering, and liberality being urged towards the special objects.

2. That efforts be made to organize Mission Study Classes with the Christian Endeavor and Luther League.

3. That special efforts be made to induce every woman in our Church to become a subscriber to *Lutheran Woman's Work*.

4. That a rising vote of thanks be given Mrs. Helen C. Beegle in appreciation of her efforts in our field, and that she be informed of this action.

She recommended the following: That the Kansas Synodical Society memorialize the General Society to adopt the system as used by the General Synod, of paying the traveling expenses of the duly-elected delegates of the several Synodical Societies to General Convention, the same being taken out of its own treasury from a fund established for that purpose.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

A Conference at Oklahoma City in May, one new society organized at Beloit, one Cradle Roll and one Mission Study Class.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The Historian has added during the year, to her already valuable collection, the following: Minutes of the Ottawa Convention, autograph number and the entire set of *Lutheran Woman's Work*, programs and items of missionary intelligence added to our scrap-book.

She asks that the May Memorial be more generally observed and that the societies report to her.

We note with sadness that two deaths are reported by our Historian, and she urges all societies to report to her if any such loss occurs in their societies

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. RUNKLE,
MRS. W. H. BARBER,
MRS. H. W. FOGHT.

Considered *seriatim* and adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature and Box-Work.

Your Committee on Literature and Box-work have carefully examined the reports of the same and find them very carefully kept and correct in every detail.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. B. WOLF,
MISS MYRTLE B. HOLLER,
MRS. A. P. WILLIAMSON.

Adopted.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Alice G. Bond and Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Ott because of their labors in packing our box for Muhlenberg Mission.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report as follows:

1. The words of greeting by Miss Bessie Sutphen, of Peabody, were a hearty welcome to the hospitable homes of the city, and showed the untiring efforts of the women to make this convention a great success.

2. In the response, Mrs. H. W. Foght, of Atchison, very fittingly expressed the sincere appreciation of the delegates and visitors.

3. The paper, "Fuel for Missionary Fires," by Mrs. Alice G. Bond, was listened to with deep interest. The committee would recommend that it be passed among the societies to be read at the monthly meetings.

4. The paper, "The Unutilized Forces of Our Churches—What to Do with Them," by Mrs. M. L. Earhart, of Kansas City, Mo., was a forcible, clear and convincing discussion of this great problem.

5. The letter from Miss Annie R. Leidigh recalled many pleasant memories of her labors among us.

6. A letter from Mrs. E. D. Miller, our General Treasurer, and now a resident of Kansas City, Mo., contained pleasant greetings to our convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. HESTER W. HUMPHREY,
MRS. ALICE RUTLEDGE,
MRS. J. B. WELDON.

Considered *seriatim* and adopted.

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports.

We, the committee, having examined the reports, find:

1. The Thank-offering Secretary's Report is most encouraging. We heartily endorse her suggestion that the societies observe the public Thank-offering service. Also, that more promptness be manifested in responding to communications from the Secretary.

2. That the prayers of all be offered for the organization of more Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

3. Sorry that more societies did not respond to Home Department Secretary, and hope for more interest in the coming year.

4. We are glad to see that our faithful German Department Secretary reports success to her efforts.

5. That report of Magazine Secretary is very good.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. W. B. WINZENRIED,
MRS. M. L. EARHART,
MRS. ROBERT ANDERSON.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Bills.

Your Committee on Bills have examined all bills and find them correct and recommend the payment of the following:

Programs	$4 50
Mrs. Lydia A. Ott	3 46
Mrs. I. B. Heisey	13 85
Mrs. H. L. Yarger	8 80
Mrs. Alice G. Bond	1 16
Mrs. F. Bergstresser	5 95
Mrs. R. B. Wolf	2 65
Total	$40 37

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. GEORGE,
MRS. JENNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Through the mercy of God the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has been enabled to assemble in this the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention under most favorable conditions and with pleasant surroundings; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we gratefully express our thanks to our heavenly Father for His goodness to us, and resolve to manifest our appreciation of the same by increased interest in mission work and greater Christian activity in the future.

2. *Resolved*, That we voice our pleasure and gratification in the possession of a woman's magazine, and make mention of the fact that *Lutheran Woman's Work* has proven very helpful to us and altogether satisfactory.

3. *Resolved*, That we once more record our allegiance to the cause of temperance and our desire to ever uphold and encourage our public officials in the effort to completely overthrow and destroy the liquor traffic.

4. *Resolved*, That we tender a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Kansas Synod for the kind invitation to this society to publish the proceedings of the Ottawa Convention in the bound volume of the minutes of Synod, and express our grateful appreciation of their kindness in bearing all expense of said publication.

5. *Resolved*, That this convention makes known to our retiring officers the high esteem in which their services for the past two years have been held, and likewise thank all officers and Department Secretaries for the efficient and faithful manner in which they have conducted the affairs of this Synodical Society.

6. *Resolved*, That words in a formal resolution fail to express the sense of obligation and gratitude which rests upon us as a convention for the kindly and hospitable entertainment which has been ours while in attendance upon this meeting.

To the women of Peabody who have treated us with so much thoughtful kindness, to the pastor of St. Paul's Church and his wife, and to all who have in any way contributed to our comfort and happiness, we extend grateful acknowledgment.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE G. BOND,
JOHANNA V. SOUDER,
MAYME TIBBENS.

Considered *seriatim* and adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay Rev. E. C. Harris $10.00.

Paper, "How to Develop Mission Study Classes," by Mrs. Hester W. Humphreys, of Abilene.

Greetings from the Synod by Rev. A. M. Reitzel, of Wellington.

A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the General Executive Committee, and to plan to raise $250.00 (one-half of said amount or more this year, if possible), with which to furnish the "Women's Ward" in the Tabitha Hospital of Lincoln, Neb.

A motion was made and carried that the balance of the Endowment Fund, together with a gift of $5.00 from Miss Anna R. Leidigh, be sent to the India Nursery.

Mrs. H. L. Yarger reported the organization of a Young Ladies' Missionary Society at Effingham, Kan.

Mrs. O. J. Peters conducted the consecration service.

After prayer by Rev. E. E. Stauffer and repeating missionary benediction, convention adjourned.

MRS. A. F. MYSER,
Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Annual Executive Session convened in the lecture-room of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at 6 o'clock P. M., October 19th, 1908.

The President made the following appointments:

Secretary German Department—Mrs. Carl Krueger, Atchison, Kan.

Secretary Literature Department—Mrs. H. A. Ott, Salina, Kan.

Secretary Home Department—Mrs. H. Runkle, Waterville, Kan.

Secretary Thank-Offering—Mrs. H. George, 232 East Thirtieth Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Secretary Young People's and Mission Bands—Mrs. A. F. Myser, Emporia, Kan.

Auditing Committee—Mr. W. W. Brady and Mr. William Rausch, Kansas City, Mo.

MRS. A. F. MYSER,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents (selected, respectively, from the two Conferences comprising the Synod), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

ARTICLE II.—Elections.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the morning session of the last day of the annual meeting, a majority vote being necessary to an election.

Section 2. No lady shall be eligible to any office for a longer period than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE III.—Executive Committee.

The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to exercise supervision throughout the year, and fill all vacancies in office or committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Incidental Fund.

Section 1. Auxiliaries shall contribute twenty cents per member annually towards an incidental fund and the expense of a delegate to the Biennial Convention.

Section 2. The expenses of the administration throughout the year, also the traveling expenses of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Delegate of the Synodical Literature Committee to the Annual Convention, shall be paid from this fund.

ARTICLE V.—Synodical Delegate.

The auxiliaries shall elect their Delegates to the Synodical Conventions in August, and report to the Synodical President immediately.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Annual Convention.

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CORPORATE NAMES AND TITLES.

To prevent all intentions in the writing of wills and making of bequests to the benevolent objects of the Church, it has been ordered that the corporate names and titles of the different Boards and Societies of the General Synod should appear on this page. If those who contemplate making any of the church institutions named below beneficiaries in their last wills are careful to use the legal titles here following, their pious intentions will not be frustrated.

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